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Strikers Lay On Rail Track

Nanking, Dec. 10.—One hundred striking railway workers at Chinkiang today laid across the railway tracks preventing the passage of the Shanghai-Nanking day express, Chinkiang, the provincial capital of Kiangsu, is on the Yangtze about 45 miles east of Nanking. The men struck because their Nanking colleagues received a grant of QY\$1,000 each towards expenses of evacuating dependants whereas they had received nothing. After several hours of rail sitting, the men called off the strike when the authorities agreed to negotiate. The express continued on its journey after a delay of six hours.—Reuter-AP.

HSUCHOW FRONT Fighting Attains New Intensity

Nanking, Dec. 10.—A Military news agency correspondent reported from the Nationalist headquarters, South-West of Hsuehchow today, that fighting has reached a new high intensity as the Communists brought up 18 columns in an effort to wipe out the three Nationalist Army groups which pulled out from Hsuehchow.

He said that the Communist main strength was directed at General Chiu Ching-chuan, which is the strongest among the three Army groups. Another Military news agency report quoted General Liu Shih, top Nationalist Commander of the Hsuehchow-Fengpu area, as announcing that thus far, five Communist columns were "routed" by General Tu Yu-ming's men. The National Defence Ministry said today that the government columns under General Li Yen-nien made further progress Northward in a three-pronged drive to break the Communist encirclement of General Huang Wei's 12th Army group. They said that the Communist strategic points 25 miles North-West of Fengpu were recaptured by General Li's men who established contact with General Huang Wei's left wing. They said that the two forces, however, have not yet actually linked up.—United Press.

20 OZ BABY DIES
Southampton, Dec. 10.—A 20-ounce, six-inch girl born two and one half months prematurely died on Friday after surviving for a week in an oxygen tent.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Bringing Up The Strength

MR A. V. Alexander's vague House of Commons statement on measures being taken to preserve the security of Hongkong in the event of the China war bringing hostile repercussions near or within the Colony has been followed by the much more substantial revelation that the Hongkong garrison is to be brought up to strength. Another battalion of Gurkhas is earmarked to fill the gap caused by the withdrawal to Malaya of the Inniskilling and when they arrive the Colony's military forces will comprise three infantry battalions, plus RA batteries and auxiliary units. Unbeknown to whether it is intended to reinforce the R.A.F. which, at the moment, is a considerably reduced establishment. The news that the garrison is to be strengthened will be generally welcomed, and may help to mollify the critical attitude of Britons in Shanghai regarding the delayed Foreign Office policy not to despatch troops to that city for the protection of British lives and interests, for Hongkong is near enough to make practical a last-minute change in that policy should events demand it. That the British Government's declared Hongkong policy is another encouraging sign that there is no intention, no matter how military and political events develop in China, to surrender the Colony. Thus, the gesture of sending further troops here, expected to have a calming effect on those who feel jittery about the future

CHURCHILL SEEKS ASSURANCE ON DEFENCE OF H.K.

Govt Says Intention Is To Maintain Position

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE

London, Dec. 10.—Mr Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader, opening the second and last day's debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons today, said he hoped the Government would make it quite clear that British naval, air and military forces would defend Hongkong "from all assaults made upon it." "I cannot conceive any action taken in self-defence will raise the larger issues upon which the balance of European peace depends." This reference came in a brief review of the situation in China where, he said, "the advance of Communism seems to gain momentum every day."

Mr Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons in reply to Mr Churchill's reference to the Colony that it was the Government's intention to maintain their position in Hongkong.

Mr Churchill rejoiced in the close and effective association between Britain and the United States "because in the ever-closer unity of the English speaking world lies the main hope of human freedom and the great opportunity and hope of our own survival."

"The United States may well now be prepared to do what they have never before done or dreamed of doing, to give a guarantee to Western Europe against aggression coupled with practical measures of military collaboration. This is a tremendous event," Mr Churchill declared.

Earlier, Mr Churchill had accused the Government of being "obstinately determined" to keep the European Unity Movement a party preserve. He declared that the Labour Party's attitude to the Movement "has hitherto been far from creditable."

The composition of Britain's delegation to the present Paris Conference in European Unity had been a great shock to powerful elements of European opinion.

BEVIN INTERVENES

He said Mr Hugh Dalton, the British delegation leader, "had been an opponent of European Unity except on Socialist Party lines."

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, intervened to say "I was a party to the appointment of Mr Dalton because I had absolute confidence in his doing the job."

Mr Churchill: "A more charming welcome to a comrade and colleague I have rarely read to a crowded House of Commons a personal letter he had written to Marshal Stalin

when he was Premier in April, 1945. Mr Churchill, who was appealing for friendship with the USSR, said he wrote to Premier Stalin: 'Aside by side with our strong sentiments for the rights of Poland, which I believe is shared in as least as strong a degree by the United States, there was grown up in the English-speaking world a very warm and deep desire to be friends on equal terms with the mighty Soviet Republic, and making allowances for different systems of government, to work with you for the long and bright years which we three powers can make together.'

NOT MUCH COMFORT

"There is not much comfort in looking into a future where you and the countries you dominate, plus the Communist armies in many other States, are all drawn up on one side and those who rally to the English speaking nations or associates or Dominions on the other."

"It is quite obvious that their quarrel would tear the world to pieces and that all of us leading men on either side who had anything to do with that would be shamed before history."

"Even embarking on a long period of suspicious abuse and counter abuse and opposing policies would be a disaster hampering the great developments of world prosperity for the masses which are attainable only by our unity."

"I hope there is no word or phrase in this outpouring of my heart to you, Mr Stalin, which unwittingly causes offence. If so, let me know. But do not let my friend, underestimate the divergencies which are opening about matters which you may think are small but which are symbolic with the English speaking way of life."

That was the way in which he had addressed himself to the leader of the Soviet people and he sincerely believed that if there had been co-operation between the three great powers, it would have opened up a golden age for mankind of prosperity and peace, Mr Churchill stated.

MISJUDGMENT

Referring to Palestine, Mr Churchill said no part of the Government policy has been more marked by misjudgment and mismanagement. He had always hoped the whole question of the Middle East might have been settled "on the morrow of victory" and that an Arab Confederation comprising three or four Arab States—Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Transjordan, Syria and the Lebanon—however grouped (possibly united) and one Jewish State might be set up which would have given peace and unity throughout the Middle East.

But all this opportunity was lost, Mr Churchill declared.

It seemed likely that the Foreign Secretary has misjudged the relative power of the two sides. Mr Churchill continued.

There was now a new situation and Palestine was not a party question. The Government of Israel could not be ignored or treated as if it did not exist.

He entirely supported Mr Anthony Eden, (deputy Opposition leader) when he said Britain should send representatives to Tel-Aviv without further delay.

Mr Churchill declared: "It would surely be most foolish that we, who still have many interests and duties and memories in Palestine, should be left maintaining a sort of silly boycott."

In addition, there was special reason—Britain had a treaty to come to the aid if he were attacked in Transjordan of King Abdullah who had acted with wisdom to his people and with fidelity to his Allies irrespective of war."

WHAT ABOUT SPAIN

Mr Churchill was strongly in favour of reviving Britain's traditional friendship with Italy, but when asked to be said about Spain? No British or Americans were killed by Spaniards and the indirect aid Britain received from Spain throughout the war was of immense service."

He added: "The way in which Hitler and Mussolini were treated by Franco is a monumental example of ingratitude."

Mr Francis Noel Baker (Labour) asked Mr Churchill if he were not forgetting the thousands of Spanish troops who fought on the Eastern Front.

To this Mr Churchill replied that the sending of this division was "a very small way of bobbing off demands." He added: "I have a little sense of proportion."

There was far more liberty in Spain under General Franco than behind the Iron Curtain. It was a mistake to allow legitimate objections to General Franco to be a barrier between the Spanish people and the Western powers.

Mr Churchill called for the admission of Spain to the United Nations and for British diplomatic representation in Madrid.

ACONY PROLONGED

Turning to Greece, Mr Churchill spoke of the danger of intervention by one country in the affairs of another, but said that when a great country nevertheless decided to intervene in the affairs of a small country, it must make its intervention effective."

Otherwise, Mr Churchill declared, all that happened was that one prolonged the agony.

Mr Churchill deplored British criticism of General Eisenhower's war memoirs "Crusade in Europe." This book has been attacked in some quarters in Britain because of its alleged anti-British and anti-Churchill tone.

General Eisenhower has already refuted these allegations and today Mr Churchill said, paying tribute to American help: "I did not always agree with General Eisenhower on strategic questions and I will take the opportunity of expressing my views if my life is suitably prolonged."

"But I cannot do much better than to read the personal telegram of May 9, 1945—two days after the surrender of the German armies—which I sent to President Truman." (Continued on Page 16)

Wind Whips Fire



Firefighters stand by as a wind whips a brush and timber fire burns near the Camp Baldy resort area near Los Angeles. Fanned by icy winds reaching as high as 70 miles per hour, the flames blackened over 1,200 acres. —AP Picture.

BELCHER BACK IN THE BOX

London, Dec. 10.—The wife of Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, burst into tears and staggered from the witness box at today's session of the inquiry into alleged corruption in Government circles.

Her husband jumped forward to help her as she swayed and almost fell. Mrs Louise Belcher was led from the court with tears streaming down her face. Later she was taken home in a police car.

Mr Belcher, meanwhile, returned to the witness box to continue his evidence, interrupted while his wife was on the stand.

Recalled, Mr Belcher admitted that Stanley gave him one or two bottles of whiskey. The Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, suggested to him that Stanley's flat "was a regular port of call, where you could get free drinks and, if necessary, take it away."

Mr Belcher agreed this was "true."

ADMITS DIFFICULT POSITION

Sir Hartley suggested that Stanley's generosity had made it very difficult for Mr Belcher not to meet him and his business associates when Stanley wanted him to do so.

Mr Belcher said, "Yes, I will grant that, but on the other hand, I think it must be granted that the fact I saw his business associates did not of necessity mean that business associates would get what they were seeking, even if in one or two cases it appears they did."

Mr Belcher's evidence was interrupted for a second time when Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor General, spent two minutes in the witness box.

The Attorney General recalled Sherman's story that Stanley said he had paid money to the Solicitor General in connection with a prosecution of Sherman football pools concern.

Sir Frank Soskice, in a series of denials, indicated that he did not know the Sherman brothers or Stanley, had never met them, had no knowledge of the prosecution, and had received no money in connection with the matter.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

When Mr Belcher was recalled to continue his evidence, he said "any friendship that existed between myself and Stanley was in no way at all dependent on any hospitality or generosity in the form of gifts, shown by Stanley."

Mr Belcher agreed that Stanley gave him a "fairly valuable" cigarette case. He said Stanley gave him a suit which he had not paid. He gave Stanley the ration coupons for the suit.

When the Attorney General closely questioned Mr Belcher about these coupons, witness said: "I am afraid that however long this examination goes on I am not willing to accept the implication that receiving gifts from a close personal friend placed me in his debt."

Mr Belcher added: "One does not use one's position as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade to repay kindnesses by doing something that is improper or immoral."

Mr Belcher agreed that his intervention had led to the issue of a licence for work at a seaside hotel which would otherwise not have been granted.—Reuter.

Sympathetic Hearing For Madame Chiang

TAKES TEA WITH PRES. TRUMAN

Washington, Dec. 10.—Madame Chiang Kai-shek spent an hour talking with President Truman late today but refused to tell newsmen what they discussed.

China's first lady met the President at tea at Blair House, temporary home of the Trumans. It was her first opportunity to appeal directly to the chief executive for military and economic aid for her husband's faltering Nationalist Chinese Government.

When reporters swarmed around her as she left Blair House, she said: "I'm sorry, no comment." The President is the one to say.

A White House statement issued later said: "The President said that Madame Chiang stated her case and he listened sympathetically."

The spokesman added that he did not know whether President Truman would see Madame Chiang again.

He said the President had tea with Madame Chiang, with Miss Margaret Truman pouring, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and then Mr Truman and Madame Chiang were alone in the President's study from 5:30 to 6 p.m. EST. Pressed for further details, the spokesman said that was all he had been authorized to say.

"NO COMMENT"

Asked whether she had a "successful" visit and whether she would see the President again, Madame Chiang gave the same reply, "No comment." She left Blair House arm in arm with Mrs Marshall, and parried questions on how much longer she planned to stay in the United States.

Even as the affair got underway, there were still no hints in administration quarters that she would achieve much success. Today's meeting may end Madame Chiang's appeals. She has seen the Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, twice.

There were some indications that she might now come to Washington for the remainder of her stay—a move that could clear the way for public appeals for assistance.

While she expressed "encouragement" after her second talk with Mr Marshall a week ago, official informants suggested that it was nothing more than assurances that the United States was studying the China problem—"nothing more."

TRUMAN'S ATTITUDE

In three statements over the last three years, President Truman has made it clear he believes the solution to China's problems rests primarily with the Chinese. He has emphasized the need for "peace and unity" in China and has stated that American help should be only supplemental to China's own efforts.

The administration is reluctant to undertake any large-scale aid pro-



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SUPPORT FOR BRITAIN'S INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS

By H. H. WOLLENBERG

BRITAIN'S smaller independent film producers, who have made many fine pictures in the past, are to be helped by the United Kingdom Government to overcome the financial difficulties which have cramped their activities since World War II.

In order to do this the Government has announced that it will set up a Film Finance Corporation which will have at its disposal a sum fixed provisionally at £5,000,000. It will have power to lend that money, on reasonable commercial terms, for film production, as was announced in the House of Commons by the Minister concerned, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, some time ago.

Film production in Britain has been making steady headway as far as the major groups are concerned, such as the Rank Organisation, the group around the Associated British Picture Corporation, and the Korda group. However, responsible quarters are anxious to mobilise the smaller independent production units, too.

After the dislocation caused by the war most independent

producers have not had a chance to build up the necessary working capital. An abnormal position had arisen for these independent units, which have been trying to build up their production. There was, in fact, a danger of independent production coming to a stop.

In this emergency the Government decided to step in and to make special arrangements to provide capital. The Film Finance Corporation will help the film industry to overcome its handicaps; it will provide financial assistance to enable Britain's national film production effort to go on and expand.

In Public Interest

WHEN he announced his plan in the House of Commons Mr. Wilson explained that the film industry was "very much in the public interest." He emphasised that his future had been assured by various Government measures and mentioned the 45 percent quota, which enables Britain's film industry to produce "for a safe and assured home market."

The effects of this policy, however, will certainly not be restricted to the home market in Britain, and the many friends of the British film all over the world will be glad to

learn what has happened since Mr. Wilson's first announcement was made. Although a Bill must—be approved by Parliament before the new Film Finance Corporation can be set in motion, present plans for expansion are not being held up.

Treasury Guarantee

THE Board of Trade, with the agreement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has arranged, as an interim measure, for a company to be constituted and for finance to be raised by Treasury guarantee of £2,500,000, which will, of course, be part of the £5,000,000.

The necessary preparations are in hand by an organizing committee which will later become the directors of the Film Finance Corporation. The chairman is Mr. James H. Lawrie, at present general manager of Britain's Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation.

A point of some importance for film-goers overseas is the assured fact that there is no question whatever of the Film Finance Corporation, much less the Government, attempting to interfere in the choice of subjects for films. The financial provision will be related purely to their entertainment value.

There are—apart from the film finance scheme—other indications of serious interest in promoting independent film production.

The United Kingdom Government's committee of inquiry into the possibility of state-owned studios as a means of increasing output in Britain has started investigations. Members of the committee have visited several studios and held a number of meetings.

On its report to the Board of Trade largely depends whether the Government will or will not go into the studio business. Whatever the final decision, this investigation tends to show that all possibilities of strengthening independent production are being carefully examined in London.

Producer's Views

HOWEVER, what has the United Kingdom independent film producer himself to say?

Anthony Havelock-Allan, a distinguished producer who has recently turned to independent picture making, answered this question for me. His name, as producer, is connected with a number of outstanding international successes, including such films as "In Which We Serve," "Blithe Spirit," "Brief Encounter," and "Great Expectations."

He has just completed his first "independent" film, "This Small Voice," made by his own company, Constellation Films Limited. His reputation has been enhanced by his appointment as one of the three producer members (with Sir Alexander Korda and Mr. J. Arthur Rank) of the Cinematograph Films Council set up under the Film Act. He is also one of the five producer members of the National Film Production Council set up and presided over by the President of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Havelock-Allan emphasised his belief in independent film making and in the invaluable contribution the independent producer had to make to the international cinema programme. He called individuality, personal enthusiasm, and faith in his work the decisive human factors in the independent producer's effort, as against mass-production methods.

He thought that the Film Finance Corporation, combined with the new 45 percent quota of screen time for United Kingdom films, would be a great incentive.

"The incentive will work," he added. "There is a better future for independent producers in this country than there has ever been."

This opinion, voiced by a distinguished film expert, tends to confirm Mr. Harold Wilson's recent remarks in the House of Commons, that the United Kingdom film industry could "look forward to a long period of prosperity."

Clever Tricks That Don't Come Off

By STEPHEN WATTS

IT is my firm belief that technique, like Technicolour, is at its best when you don't notice it. Who is going to be aware that Alfred Hitchcock made "Rope" in ten-minute-long stretches without the customary inter-cutting?

All you are going to care about, I suggest, is whether you like "Rope," and to blazes with the technical whys.

You are, of course, going to be aware of something. The action is continuous. An hour and a half in the lives of the characters is shown in an hour and a half of film.

The whole play (I wrote the word without premeditation and it is significant) takes place in one room.

The camera glides and probes unceasingly about the place and the people. It never lets up. I found its sinuous progression effective for a while, then rather tiring. The space limitations began to induce claustrophobia.

HITCHCOCK no doubt enjoyed the tricky technical exercise and mastering of problems. It is not a satisfaction you and I can fully share.

I'm sure no enjoyed, too, the perverse, nerve-twisting plot—the odd young men giving a party with buffet-service from a chest in which lies the body of their friend whom they have killed for the fun of it, in pursuance of some murky theory that superior persons have the right to dispose of inferiors.

The best thing in the picture is the acting, especially of John Dall as the stronger and more subtly manifold of the murderers. James Stewart is immensely effective as the schoolmaster who works it all out, and Farley Granger, as the weak young man, is the only character to touch the emotions.

BOW TO THE CENSOR

MOST of "The Voice of the Turtle" takes place in a room, too, but this is not technique. Just the fact that the film is made from a play, and sticks closely to the original except for one demure bow in the direction of the censor.

It is a pleasant comedy, most pleasantly played by Eleanor Parker and Ronald Reagan, about a roomless G.I. on weekend leave who spends the night on a young actress's spare bed and stays to fall in love. This simplicity is filled out to some stature by Miss Parker, who makes the in-love-with-love girl quite enchantingly coy and silly, a natural for "Mary Rose."

If I say I enjoyed "The Time of Your Life," please don't take that as necessarily a recommendation.

It is brave of James Cagney to film a William Saroyan play, for the fanciful Armenian's dramatic capcutting is queer stuff to offer a universal audience.

Into a San Francisco bar-room, where William Bendix dispenses beer and charity, and Cagney sits drinking champagne and waiting the world go by, come an odd assortment of aspiring humans—a comedian-dancer who can't make anybody laugh (beautifully danced by Paul Draper), a prostitute who dreams of a past she never had, a Buffalo Bill character who catches drinks and talks all night, a Jew who is woolly, spirited, crazy, inventive, touching, and curiously streaked with poetry. I can take a freak film like this very happily once in a while.

Digger, The Platypus

TWO cartoon characters, Digger the Platypus and Dinkum the Gnat, will represent Australia in Mr Rank's new film series. Both Digger and Dinkum will appear in cartoons to be shown soon in London.

Other creatures of Rank's animal land: Boko the Parrot, Chester the Cat, Zimber the



Lion, Dusty the Mole, and Wanda Waddle the Duck.

David Hand, former supervisor for Walt Disney in Hollywood, created this film zoo.

It has taken three years to get Rank's cartoon studios established at Cookham, in Buckinghamshire, but a steady supply of these British cartoons is now becoming available all over the world.

The Rank organization is also marketing commercial products, including greeting cards, story-books, puzzles, balloons, and games, in conjunction with the cartoon creatures.



GREGORY PECK and Dorothy McGuire, who star in "Gentleman's Agreement," a film dealing with American anti-Semitism, showing at the King's tonight. Peck, a writer doing a series of articles on anti-Jewish feeling, poses as a Jew, and, aided by John Garfield, who gives a mature performance as a Jew, and Dorothy McGuire, who has a less pleasant role—that of an ordinary Gentile girl who cannot shake off her innate anti-Jewish prejudice.

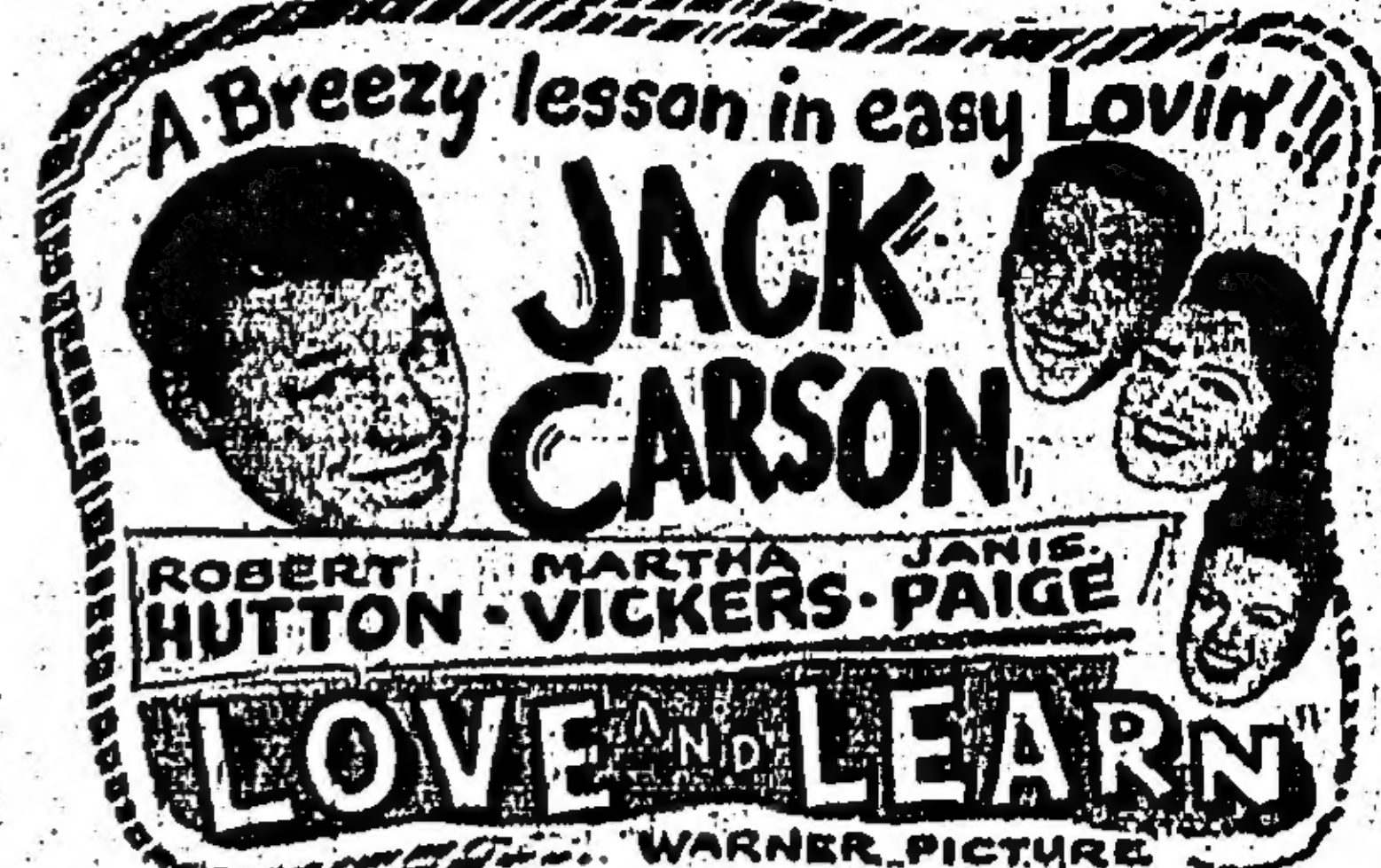
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POCKET CARTOON

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SO NOW THE STARS LOOK IN

By NEWELL ROGERS

WITH Hollywood still in the dumps, the stars are trooping into New York in quest of a glittering new gold mine—television. And they are hitting "pay dirt" partly because of a new gadget to carry their televised acting into homes over the telephone.

A year ago the stars were glad to appear before telecameras for nothing, to get experience. Today, with 41 stations bidding for rights to display them to 820,000 owners of sets, they ask and get £1,500 an appearance.

Rex Harrison, one of the eager television candidates, says: "Hollywood is done with. It and I have no future in common, and I don't know if Hollywood has any future at all."

"Hollywood's little world is geared to the studio salary lists, and unless your friends are in your bracket you cannot afford to know them."

Whatever salary brackets they are in, Ingrid Bergman, Dorothy MacGwire, Marlene Dietrich, Van Heflin, Van Johnson, Paul Muni, Edward G. Robinson, Katharine Hepburn, Margaret Sullivan, Paulette Goddard, Irene Dunst, Walter Huston, and Joan Fontaine have appeared, or will appear, in tele-drama this season.

When householders can get stars of this stature simply by putting in a 10s. phone call to the studio, the industry expects to sell 39 million sets.

Television set owners from Boston to Baltimore, 425 miles apart, on November 30, watched the telecast of New York's Metropolitan Opera. A coloratura soprano who had hoped to sing in the opera watched it from a box. Margaret Truman cannot sing professionally because her father won an election.

IN the midst of joy at the birth of a prince has come the distressing news that our King is afflicted by the most serious illness in his life.

Five doctors report acute obstruction of the circulation through the arteries of the legs, and the defective blood supply of the right leg is causing anxiety.

There must be prolonged treatment, rest at last to repair the havoc of 12 years of strain.

Britain and the Empire are saddened. It is the sadness felt at the illness of a dear friend.

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We regard the King and Queen and their two daughters as the perfect robust of the four sons of George V. was unexpectedly called to the Throne.

We hardly knew him or his wife, and what we knew seemed to be two colourless in contrast to the vivid personality of his brother, King Edward VIII.

Words of wisdom

The Archbishop of Canterbury had to introduce him to the nation. Dr. Lang broadcast: "In manner and speech he is more quiet and reserved than his brother. He has high ideals of life and duty, and he will pursue them with a quiet steadfastness of will."

It was not long before we learned the wisdom of those words. As he grew to king, the stately virtues of George VI. became evident. His very triumph over handicaps such as that of a speech impediment disclosed a strength of character hitherto unperceived at the Coronation: "It seems a stupid thing for a man to say, but I love that man." And the love given to him and his young wife grew as the nation took their measure.

The laughter of the two little Princesses warmed Buckingham Palace from the first day that the King and Queen took up residence. It could hardly be otherwise, for there was a family man happily married to a loyal life, with two loving daughters of sunny disposition.

who were "fanatical and militant," had made a general impression, both of its members and its extremists. Apart from its main armed forces it includes two known commando squads—the Lin Tong Tai and the Tuck Moo—totalling 1,000 men.

Every unit—down to a platoon—has its own political instructor, who gives a daily one-hour lecture during which, so say the orders, "all ranks must stand to attention."

They may relax for "criticism hour"—a typical Communist European pastime—during which other ranks are encouraged to criticize their officers and N.C.O.s, and then themselves.

Discipline is strict, and field punishments include being tied up and exposed to the sun, and beatings of up to 30 strokes with a bamboo pole.

It is considered that, due to ammunition shortage, the average bandit recruit today does not fire more than ten to 12 rounds during his training.

TIP-AND-RUN

ONE clue to the fighting policy of this bandit army is a general order, which, literally translated from the Chinese, instructs commanders to fight "only swift-ending battles."

This means well-planned ambushes, swift sorties against isolated and weak targets, speedy withdrawal—never a standing fight. But they have lost Round 1.

The Communist plan to isolate parts of the country and set up their own military government, and strike at Malaya's economy, has been smashed. Now begins a long trial of man-to-man jungle endurance.

Malaya's 61,000 square miles includes 30,000 square miles of jungle. To sweep this we have 3,500 men of the Guards Brigade, now fully trained, and beginning their first independent jungle actions in the next few weeks.

There are another 2,500 fighting troops of the Seaforth, Inniskilling, King's Own, Yorkshire Light Infantry, the Devons, and a field regiment of the Royal Artillery, to be included 4,850 members.

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OUR BELOVED KING

A family man : A man of high ideals : A man who believes in Britain

by SIDNEY RODIN



The King and Queen's picture taken at Windsor.

Here was a family who delighted in escaping to their own private apartments, where husband and wife could often be found standing with their arms round each other, with their children.

Subordinate always to his high conception of service, the King has remained above all things a family man. Probably no monarch of modern times has devoted so much time to his home, wife and children.

When living at Royal Lodge, Windsor, his normal week-end has always been the same as that of any country squire. All ladies and gentlemen in waiting were sent away, the King put on his tweeds, weeded the garden, went for walks, or did some shooting.

Affairs of State have at least always allowed him to have breakfast in the company of his family.

Man of the people

It must indeed have been with heavy heart that Albert Duke of York took over the burden of kingship. Throughout his days he had shown no taste for the pomp and circumstance constraining the monarchy.

He was destined by nature, perhaps, to be a man of the people. Overshadowed by his brother Edward, aged even more than the other sons by the Victorian severity of the father, Prince Albert shrank from the royal limelight.

When a gardener at Windsor kept addressing him as "Your Royal Highness," the young Prince retorted: "You can call me that once a day and no more. I am sick of it."

He was found smoking a pipe while wearing cap and gown at Cambridge.

His mentor complained that the gravity of the offence was aggravated by his being a member of the Royal Family. "We're not a family," said the Prince bitterly, "we're a firm."

And when he married he chose no Continental princess of the blood royal, but a Scots girl of noble ancestry, who, like him, rejected the smart set of the twenties and sought happiness in the naturalness of home life and long-known friends.

The King has a boyish grin for a person he likes. Those who annoy him—and he is particularly annoyed by unpunctuality, planners whose plans go wrong, people who offer inaccurate explanations, or intruders who invade his privacy at week-ends—will not quickly forget their shortcomings. What does he think of post-war problems?

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At Cup Final

One glimpse of his mind today is provided by Mr. George Allison in his book, "Allison Calling."

Talking of the 1945 Cup Final, Mr. Allison writes: "Trusting that I am not guilty of a breach of confidence, I tell you that I mentioned to the King (in the form of popular diversion [football pools] which caused and still causes much discussion."

"Believe me," he said to me, "we have far greater problems to solve before we can give consideration to that particular subject."

The King who today loves meeting people and is a brilliant raconteur with a sharp sense of humour was once a mortally shy lad who dreaded having to talk to strangers because of a muscular contraction in his throat which sometimes deprived him of speech.

Although a specialist attended him, and after his marriage the Queen was there with untiring comfort and encouragement, the defect could never have been so completely cured if the King had not been capable of a concentrated effort of will sustained over many years.

His biggest test

Undoubtedly his most searching ordeal—his first big public test as a King—was at the opening of Parliament in 1937.

Yet before the massed solemnity of Ministers of State, bishops, judges, peers, and foreign ambassadors he declared his message with slow but manly clarity.

All witnesses the devotion of his wife, the confidence her presence gave him, enthroned by his side. The King's religion has always been a deeply personal matter. He never talks about it, but it guides all his actions. Public worship and special services, which he attends as no more formal ceremonies to him.

He is an active participant, and afterwards, in conversation with the clergy, he discusses details, mentioning parts of the service which impressed him.

Endless duties

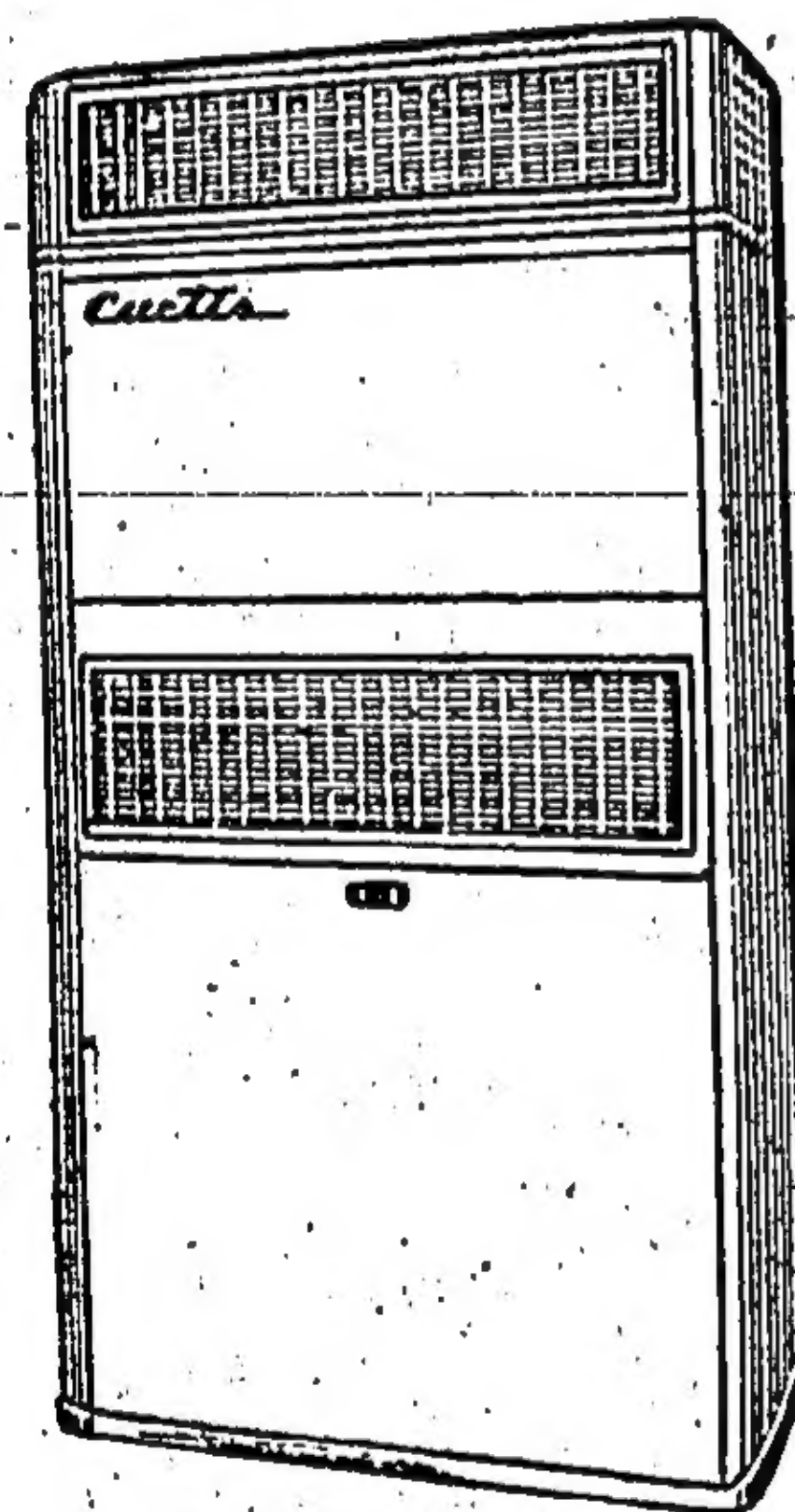
The King's self-dedication to public work has been shown in a thousand ways. We need no reminder of his endless tour of duty at home and abroad in wartime. How often have we read of his attending to State business while lying in bed with gastric influenza.

He has rarely enjoyed first-class health. As a naval cadet recurrent abdominal trouble culminated in an operation for duodenal ulcer before he was 22.

His present malady is serious. It must certainly lessen his vigour, and may even shorten his life unless treatment can be so quick and effective.

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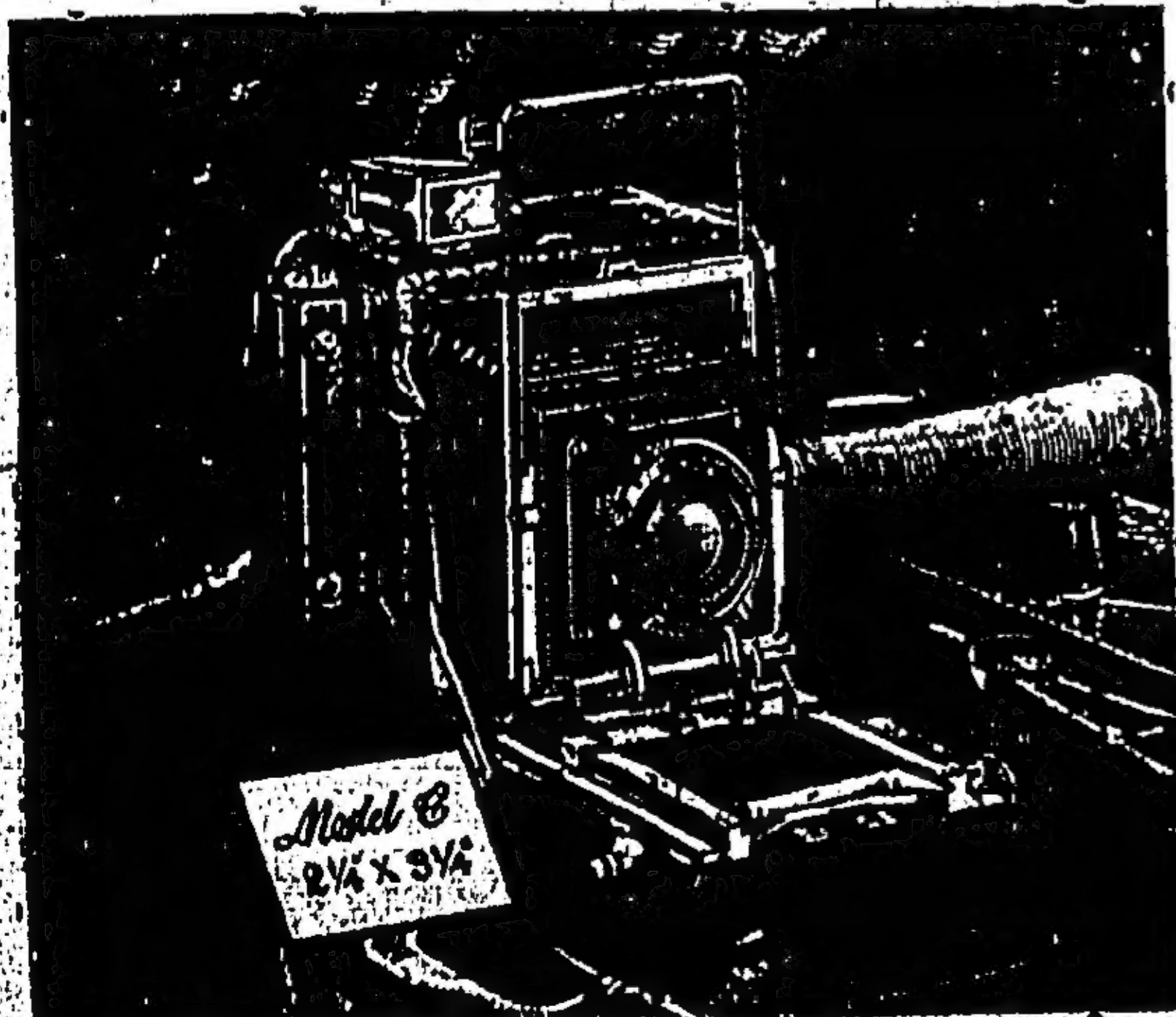
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HRH Prince Axel of Denmark (left), who visited Hongkong last week, seen conversing with the Hon. A. Morso, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at a cocktail party at the Hongkong Hotel. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt Rev. Ronald Hall, who attended the Lambeth Conference in the late summer, was welcomed back at a tea party at St John's Cathedral Hall last week. In picture above, the Bishop is seen with Mr and Mrs E. C. Thomas. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PHOTO taken after the christening at St Joseph's Church last Sunday of Andina Margaret, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Plowden. (Ming Yuen)



A WEDDING of much interest in Hongkong society was that of Mr Kenneth Charles Piercy and Miss Joan Kenniff, which took place at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday. Photograph shows the happy couple at the reception with the bride's parents, the Hon. V. and Mrs Kenniff and the groom's mother, Mrs E. Piercy. Top picture shows Sir Shouson Chow offering his felicitations to Mr and Mrs Piercy. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



HIS Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Peiping, who is in Hongkong for a short rest, was guest of honour at a dinner party given last week by the Parish of St Margaret. The Cardinal is seen above arriving at the Ying King Restaurant, and at right receiving one of the parishioners. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Mr H. H. Rankine, now Australian Trade Commissioner in Hongkong.



LEFT: Mrs F. I. Zimmern leading in Black Market after its victory in the Hongkong Autumn Champions at Happy Valley last Saturday. The jockey is Mr A. Ostroumoff. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

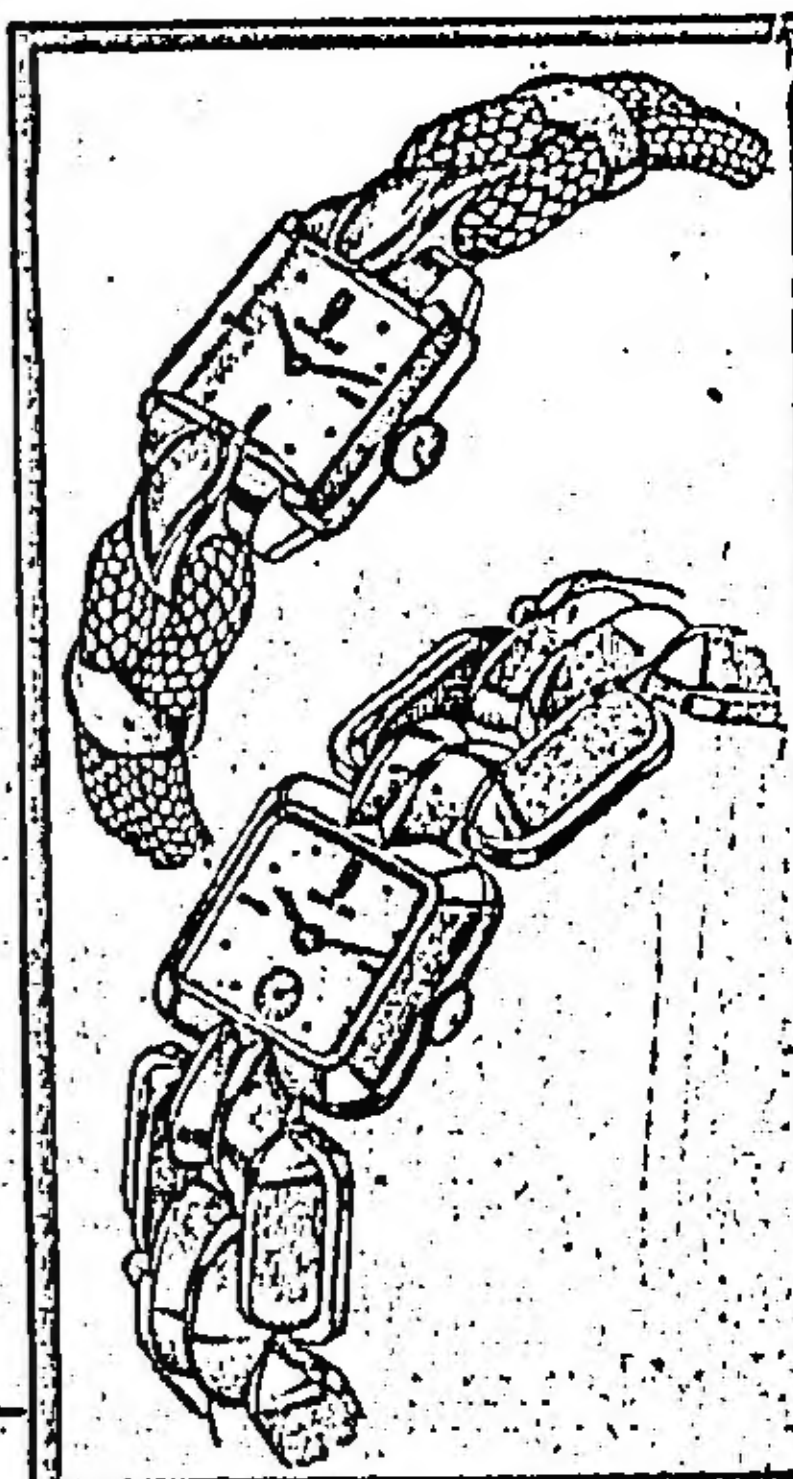
DUTCH children had a full afternoon of fun at the Holena May Institute last Saturday when they celebrated the Feast of St Nicholas. Attended by his two "Black Peters," St Nicholas is seen here handing out a present to a young lady. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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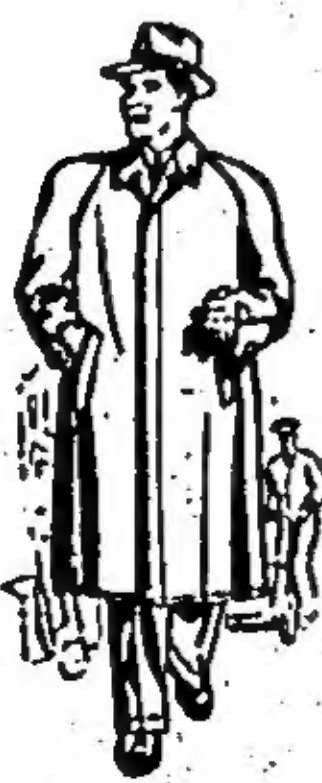
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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

JOAN ERSKINE GOES TO A TRADE COCKTAIL PARTY



Above: skirt and backswept jacket in satin-striped wine the silk by Frederick Starke. Right: Striped jersey dress in three tones of grey, with full box pleat at the back, by Matita.

LONDON. RAYNES—"makers of fine shoes"—have sprung a surprise on the shoe world by launching their "casuals" on the export market. For this firm it was a big step to take. They have specialised over many years in the manufacture of footwear of outstanding quality, patronised by people of distinction and good taste—the Queen and members of the Royal family among them.

To inaugurate the new line, Raynes gave a lavish cocktail party in Bond Street last week—complete with champagne. So to the sound of small talk and corks popping, the "casuals" were introduced, admired, commented on and discussed.



Although departing from their usual style, the excellent workman-ship was still there. The editor of a leading shoe trade magazine was very enthusiastic about the quality. "For flexibility and lightness" he told me, "I haven't seen their equal."

Styles are near-moccasin, some with single delicate ankle-straps, others with double straps, and an entirely new style featuring a forked tongue, called the "chukka" boot. The colouring is subdued, and easy to match. The material mostly used is hunting suede, buckskin, and finest calf, with evening shoes in lizard skin dyed pastel shades.

Export markets are to be opened immediately in Canada, South Africa and Australia, and in the initial stages almost the entire production will be devoted to export.

Several well-known people attended the show. I saw Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker, weighing the merits of a featherweight shoe in white buckskin and tan calf against a bronze kid evening slipper—and evidently deciding in favour of the first. We are looking forward to seeing these shoes on sale in London. The price, compared with present-day standards, is reasonable—about 4½ guineas a pair.

Where? Yes—Where?

WHERE can you better see a collection of cocktail suits than at a cocktail party for the fashion trade? The fashions displayed by the guests were as interesting as the purpose of the party—the shoes. One of Britain's leading young film stars, Miss Sheila Sim, was present. I noticed that she, too, had succumbed to the short hair-do and curled fringe and, incidentally, had gone blonde with it! But perhaps her latest film had something to do with that.

The entry of a black suit in stiff moire caused a mild stir. It had an extremely wide bust-back, standing well away from the hips, with a very light long skirt beneath. The inconvenience of this suit was that it took up a large area of floor space at a crowded cocktail party, although even this had its points. The wearer was certainly assured

of a few square feet of floor all to herself! Above this was a flat wide-brimmed hat, the inside of the brim filled with curled ostrich feathers. I saw a lot of lot embroidery, too, and appliques of tiny beading.

As the room grew warmer, and the party grew, jackets were slipped off to show strapless corsets and bare shoulders. Two outfits in the silk attracted attention. One in bottle-green checked in orchid shades; the other with backswept jacket in satin-striped wine silk with black velvet strapless corset on the dress (later here illustrated).

Famed For Suits

I went round to MATITA this week, one of the London Model House Group of wholesale designers. Matita is a house famed for its classic tailor-made suits, and expected to find a range of out-of-the-ordinary lightweight materials, with their usual very original treatment of stripes: I was not disappointed.

Main points of interest were:

1. Clever use of buttons as decoration. One dress rever was edged with tiny buttons; the opposite rever with tiny button-holes—quite obviously not intended to be fastened.

2. Lapette fastening—used on a number of suits. This is a masculine idea very neatly adapted.

3. Stripes on jackets were repeated on top coats and skirts. One coat in elephant grey featured a single dusty pink stripe from collar, over shoulder and down sleeve, thus matching in a slightly different way the suit, which was horizontally striped in pink. On plain skirt a single stripe was centred down the back, again matching the striped jacket.

4. Pleats—in many cases unpressed; in some instances both box and inverted pleats were at one side only.

5. Close fitting tan waistcoat beneath a jacket. Cut lightly in at the waist and dipping to a point at the back, it is an extremely flattering line for the slim figure.

Penguin Tail

THE designer had fun with one cocktail suit. It was called, for obvious reasons, the Penguin Tail suit. In worsted baroque, it featured a pencil-slim skirt and tiny fitting Eton jacket with a tail attached to the back. With jacket fastened, the tail hung down to the hem exactly like a swinging back panel.

Unusual among the dress fabrics shown was shell jersey, woven specially for Matita on new-type machines. It has a raised shell design all over, is light as a feather, and lends itself to severely plain styles.

SEVERAL well-known London firms celebrated the birth of a future King of England by dressing their windows entirely with dainty blue and white baby clothes.

There is a welcome return to the shops of Swiss organdie—absent for years. Nothing is more charming for children's parties, and for the teen-ager's first grown-up dance.

Joan Erskine

Lace Topped Silk Slip



By GRACE THORNCIFFE

LOVELY LINGERIE has its share in the beautiful fashions of the new season. Dark brown pure silk crepe is the medium chosen for this handsome slip which has a bra top of brown lace posed over fleecy coloured crepe. Brown net borders the hem and is also used for the shoulder straps. The shaped band inset beneath the bustline is reinforced underneath.

Entertaining Angels

"THERE," said James's mother, "that's the last of the invitations. But what in the world shall we do if all these children come?"

So she, like other anxious-minded mothers, asked her friends' advice during the week that followed.

Some people assured her that they would all be perfectly happy, bless their hearts, if they were just left alone; some maintained that the old games were the best after all; while others said unhappily that the modern child was so sophisticated that they'd rather give half a dozen grown-up parties.

Children themselves are apt to have rather large ideas. After a conjuror at the Smiths', a ventriloquist at the Robertsons', and tumbling clowns at Brown Major's, the thought of three hours of hunt-the-slipper and postman's knock leaves them cold.

It is not their fault; for children forced into the gambols of another generation are as uncomfortable as those squeezed into shoes made for differently shaped feet.

Mature Early

WE may as well face the fact that modern life matures our children very early. At home they acquire a taste for the miraculous as soon as they can turn on the wireless, wind up the gramophone, or depress an electric light switch.

So when they go out to a party they like something surprising to be produced for them, even if it is only a rabbit out of a hat or a voice from a velvet doll.

But the conjuring must be expert. The modern child is an exacting critic, and unlikely to have any mercy on a father who has mugged up half a dozen tricks out of a book of words and lost the disappearing card in the middle.

If he is skilled he is lucky. If he is not, he should save himself trouble (and his children considerable agony) by enlisting the services of someone adept.

One of the best is the film party. Granted, of course, that some grumpy and horrid little boy (or girl) is almost certain to be heard piercingly telling the world in an interval of silence that he (or she) has been to a far better show last week.

Talkies may still be beyond the scope of the moderate purse, but there are firms which undertake to send an operator, with a large choice of silent films, quite cheaply.

Others allow the mechanically-minded to hire, at a still lower rate, a projector and films, which they will show themselves.

Call For Presents

PARTIES, at this time of the year, invariably call for presents. An interesting variant of the Christmas tree is the Treasure Hunt, which has the extra advantage of making the children work for their gifts.

It can be arranged as a much simplified and indoor form of the grown-up version, though organisers should remember that some of the guests (under the influence of haste and excitement, at least) may be unable to read anything but the largest printings.

It is also a wise precaution to prepare conspicuous notices, bearing the now familiar NO ENTRY legend. These will keep the hunters from ransacking, for instance, every drawer in an elder's bedroom.

And the use of differently coloured wrapping paper for boys' and girls' treasure will prevent a boy from being disgusted by a doll's trousseau.

On the other hand, the hostess need not be disheartened if all

her guests immediately begin swapping their presents. Mothers will confirm that there is nothing the small boy will not swap if it is detachable.

Above all, there is no need for the nervous parent to dread the round of Christmas parties because of the fights which seem to blow up over nothing.

It is certainly a pity that the cheerfulness of the small boy tends to run so much to black eyes. But it is not inevitable that the guests who arrive at three o'clock with their cops in their hands and their slippers in embroidered bags, glistening with brillantane and grave as angels, will be punching each other in demoniacal heaps by ten-time.

Keep them all busy at something or other from the moment of arrival till that other blessed moment when the last thanks have been mumbled under parental compulsion on the doorstep, and it should be quite possible to give a successful party and yet keep the peace.

Some Tips On Buying Glassware

By ELEANOR ROSS

SELECTING glassware is a joy now that such ample and varied stocks are in supply. And it is a real delight to find such exquisite glassware, both ornamental and utilitarian. The history of glassware is a fine old story. In fact, it is a very old manufactured product and it

is still handcrafted just as it was centuries ago. There's so much romance and tradition behind glassware, and these attributes are backed up by good design and quality.

For the benefit of you who are brides and shopping for glassware for that wonderful new home, here are some good buying tips. The two basic kinds of hand-made glassware are "Blown" and "Pressed." Blown glassware is made by forcing air by mouth through a hollow pipe until a glass bubble takes the desired shape. Then a stem and foot are added to make beautiful table stemware.

Pressed glass, used for plates, bowls, candelabra and other heavy glass is done by pouring glass in a mould and pressing the mould close until the desired shape is attained.

As to the actual pieces selected, let the label be your guide. You'll see that the pattern is beautiful, that the lines are clear and elegant. Feel the edges carefully to see that there is no irregularity. Crystal should reflect the light like dew drops. Only inferior grades have bluish or greenish tinges in otherwise clear glassware.

Well Balanced

GOOD glassware is always well balanced and symmetrical. One of the truest tests of good blown glassware is the sound. So when selecting glass for your table, tip it lightly with a pencil or with your finger nail and it will give forth a loud, clear, bell-like ring. The higher the content of lead in the glass, the clearer the ring will be. Pressed glass is made with lime instead of lead, and so it lacks this resounding ring.

Handmade glassware is never entirely free from waves or undulations. These are always evident to a certain extent, because of the very handmade nature of the product. If there is no manufacturer's label, be sure to examine the ware carefully to make sure that any defects are relatively few. There should be no sharp ridges or moulds on pressed glass, and few bubbles in blown ware.

Pattern is important when selecting glassware. It should be delicately designed, and never heavy or overwhelming. In studying the ornamentation, make sure that it is evenly balanced and that there are no breaks or faults in the design. In the cutting, any stiching should be delicate in detail, have no acid spots, and show no unwarranted breaks in the delicate lines.

Corduroy Goes Everywhere



By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

LONDON has taken corduroy to its heart for this winter because it is good-temperedly lends itself to any occasion and any style of garment. It combines three qualities which are demanded by the well-dressed woman today—it is hard-wearing, luxurious in appearance, and is very versatile.

After many years of austere self-sacrifice, women in Britain are demanding and are obtaining clothes which have an air of elegance or of amusing frivolity. But, when most types of clothes are still on coupons, and when most women are working hard at jobs as well as running their homes, these more luxurious garments must have the added asset of wearing well.

Horrocks have made this full-skirted, double-breasted dress with the new plunging neckline at the left from corduroy. Right, a dramatic tailored coat and St. Taylor with waist nipped in by half belt at back, and a wide collar which can be worn upstanding.

BEAUTY • FASHIONS • HOME

Skin Sensitivity To Dyes Or Bleaches.

BY HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE feminine practice of enhancing beauty by means of artificial aids is as old as antiquity. Queen Cleopatra herself, one of the most famous beauties of all times, did not scorn artifice as is shown by the evidence of ancient Egyptian tombs which show that the glamour girls of the Kingdom of the Nile used lead-containing eye and face paints with a lavish hand.

Fortunately, our present-day cosmetics are made with safer ingredients. By and large,

they cause little difficulty, but now and then they do result in skin inflammation.

Chief offenders in this way are bleaching and dyeing preparations used on the hair to become brittle and break off.

Vegetable dyes are generally quite safe. Mineral dyes are seldom used. A third group of dyes contains a substance called paraphenylenediamine and pyrogallol. Patch tests show that about four out of every 100 persons are sensitive to these substances.

When sensitivity to a hair dye is present, there is redness and itching of the eyelids and forehead, and behind the ears and back of the neck. There may be inflammation of the lining membrane over the eye called conjunctivitis.

If sensitivity to the hair dye is suspected, a patch test may be carried out to confirm the diagnosis. This is done by placing a bit of the dye on a piece of gauze and fastening it to the skin with adhesive for 24 hours.

In treating the patient who has been found sensitive to a dye which has already been applied, soap and water are used first of all to remove all excessive dye. Next, hydrogen peroxide is applied to get rid of it. Then the hair is washed again with soap and water. The inflammation itself may be treated with soothing solutions such as potassium permanganate.

Hair Tonics

Inflammation of the skin, as a result of hair tonics, occurs in the same areas as that caused by hair dyes. There may also be inflammation of the skin on the hand. Alcohol and some hair lotions may produce scaling of the palm of the hand into which the tonic is poured before it is applied. There may also be a cracking of the finger-tips from rubbing the preparation into the scalp.

Certain hair cream may produce a condition like blackheads or pimples on the forehead. Sometimes a perfume in hair preparations may lead to darkening of the skin of the forehead along the hair margins.

Hair lacquers are employed to keep the hair wave in position. Sensitivity to these preparations may occur several days after they are used, manifesting itself in inflammation of the skin on the back of the neck, eyelids, or face.

Persons who use preparations of these types should consult their physicians immediately should any signs of skin irritation occur.



BIG FRY FOR SMALL FRY—Janet (left) and Judy Smith survey their catch at Naches, near Yakima, Washington.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Don't Blame "Old Age" For Symptoms Of Improper Diet

TO most of us, "growing old" conjures up a picture of silver threads among the gold, stiff joints, wrinkled skin; too many pounds; or that enigmatic look. We don't stop to think that we begin to grow old the day we're born; and that birthdays merely signify the milestones we have passed according to the calendar.

The more years that pass, the more blame we lay on "old age" for our ills. "Guess I'm growing old," one often hears from this or that person who feels a little slowed down, "I feel toxic—guess I'm over-ripe." Few men and women realize that the difficulty is not due to the number of years they have lived,

but to a condition of the body often brought on by an unwise or inadequate daily diet over a long period.

Recent Conference

This subject was recently discussed at a conference of physicians and was summed up in four words, "Time is not toxic." Furthermore, they came to the conclusion that the fear of growing old can itself produce symptoms of old age.

Our bodies start as a single cell, and are made up of multitudes of cells constantly being renewed; and if we eat the foods we need; find enough enjoyment in our work; get enough air, sunshine, rest, sleep, relaxation, and exercise suited to our physical strength, we can largely prevent feelings of "old age."

If you think you or any member of your family is suffering from old age—put it right out of your mind. See your doctor, and with his help work out a diet of wholesome vitalizing foods.

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Recipes Serve Four

3-Way Vegetable Salad
Three cooked vegetables of contrasting colour are needed. Cooked beets, cooked corn kernels and fresh cooked or canned peas, makes a good combination. Season each vegetable separately with tart French dressing and chill. Arrange for service on a bed of lettuce on salad plates, or in individual shallow salad bowls. Carefully spoon on the vegetables to make three separate heaps barely touching in the center. Top with a radish "rose."

Creamed Fish and Mushrooms
Coarse-flake 1 lb. cooked fish fillets or use 1 (1 lb.) can salmon, well drained and deboned. Add ½ lb. sautéed fresh sliced mushrooms. Or use reconstituted dried mushrooms, or 1 (3 oz.) can mushroom caps and stems with their liquid. Make a sauce by melting 2 tbsp. butter or margarine; add 2½ tbsp. flour, and gradually stir in 1½ c. rich milk, or equal parts water and evaporated milk. Stir in the mushroom liquid together with ½ tsp. nutmeg, ¼ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Add the fish; if desired extend by adding ¾ c. shredded cooked string beans or fine-diced raw summer squash. Transfer to a qt.-sized shallow baking dish. Around the edge heap 3 c. whipped potato; bake in a hot oven about 25 min., or until the potato is browned. Before serving, dust the fish in this centre with minced parsley.

Trick Of The Chef

For a new flavour in spinach or chard, stir in a little pickle spice mixed with browned melted butter.

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ANY WOMAN CAN MAKE A SLIPCOVER

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK

ANY woman who can sew a seam can make a slipcover for the living room couch, according to Margaret Riley, fabric designer.

"It's easier than making a dress," she remarked, "because once you get a slipcover fitted properly there's no adjusting necessary. The couch doesn't get fatter or thinner."

Miss Riley has come out with a booklet of decorating and slipcovering hints along with her new winter line of fabrics (Waverly Fabrics). She recommends using the decorator's "rule of three" when planning colours and fabrics to do over a room. Use three different materials—a plain fabric, a texture weave and a design on chintz or another smooth fabric.

Variety Desirable

A single texture in a room can be as monotonous as a single colour. For a room with a patterned rug, the designer suggests covering two chairs with a striped fabric; use a textured double diamond weave for the large couch, and put the printed material in the draperies, with a valance board covered with the diamond textured material.

Choosing proper colours and textures needn't be a hit-and-miss job for the amateur. Fabric designers are doing more and more with co-ordinated patterns, with fabrics shown in groups of three or four. Miss Riley made up a typical example of a co-ordinated group of her winter fabrics in a modern living room setting.

The sectional sofa was covered with a dark green, textured fabric. The corner windows were draped in a gay floral pattern, with magenta and chartreuse roses and deep green leaves on a white background. The pleated skirt and outside arms of the wing chair were covered with magenta damask, and the cushion and inside back of the chair were done in the same design as the draperies.

Hints Given

She claims the slipcovers in the modern living room could be duplicated by practically any homemaker. Remember to choose strong, firm fabric that's been pre-shrunk for your slipcovers, then either use a pattern or lay the fabric on the chair wrong side out and pin-fit each section before you cut.

One of the most important parts of slipcovering is leaving generous seams and a wide tuck-in allowance around the chair seat side and back. Another hint in Miss Riley's booklet, which is available wherever her fabrics are sold, is to leave a wide pocket allowance at one side of the back of the chair. Then stitch in a long slide fastener to make a tuck pocket so the slipcover will fit like upholstery.

"Learn to slipcover and you can change your fabrics with the seasons," the designer said in her New York showroom. "A change of slipcovers gives the living room the same lift a new outfit gives your autumn wardrobe."

Doubled Ironing Board, A Labour Saver

COLUMBUS, O.—Double the size of your ironing board to save both time and labour.

That's the advice of Thelma Beall, home management specialist at Ohio State University. Miss Beall has used the wide ironing-board and she reports a time saving of up to 10 per cent on weekly ironing.

A width of 20 inches is suggested by Miss Beall for the board, which is fitted on top of the regular board. Twenty inches, the home management specialist explained, is as wide as most women can reach at their preferred ironing height without bending forward in a cramped position.

The length of the board should be about 42 inches or slightly longer than the board on which it fits. One end may be taped for convenience in slipping clothes over it.

Hurry-Up Manicure Routine



When applying nail polish, let it drain from the brush and put on only a light film, says Actress Althea Elder.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is just one of those things! You have put off the appointment with the manicurist. You have a broken finger nail and somehow your hands have suddenly started to look grubby. The telephone rings. Your boy friend has buzzed into town. "How about a little dinner and a little dancing afterwards?" Why not? So the first thing you do is to put your nails in form. Here is the system for a quick clean-up treatment:

Remove the polish. Use a flexible steel file for grooming the nails. Shape them to pleasing oval lines. Run the orange wood stick under them, have a second filing with an emery board.

Then for a rousing scrubbing with warm soap and a brush. While your hands are in the water, form clear cut lines under the nails with the nail white pencil that is easier to manage than nail white. Rinse and dry.

Touch the nails with cuticle cream, friction it in. With the orange wood stick do little circles to detach the flesh from the nail fabric. If you flush up hangnails, nip them away with the curved scissors, placing the points of the scissors towards the nail base, so as not to cause a wound.

A second hand washing with soap is necessary. If oil remains on the pink sheaths, polish won't stick for four days.

When applying the lacquer, let it drain from the brush, so you will apply only a light film. After a few minutes, put on a second coat. Two light applications will last longer than one heavy one.

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GROUP taken after the wedding of Mr Kenneth Kao-chao Lu and Miss Evelyn Jeanette Li at St John's Cathedral last week. (Moo Cheung)



THE christening of Clive Laurence Reveloy, infant son of Captain and Mrs Dennis W. D. Barnes, took place at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



The Field Day practice parade of Hongkong No. 2 Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was held last Sunday at Shatin. This photo shows the King's Collegio Old Boys Division, champions of the competition, being inspected by the Commissioner, Mr A. el Arcuili, accompanied by Corps Supt. Tse Long-chiu. (Ka-ming Chan).



MR and Mrs Louis Frank Driver photographed with friends after their wedding last week at the Holy Trinity Church. The bride was Miss Peggy Patricia Road. (Ming Yuen)



PHOTOGRAPH taken at the English Methodist Church on the occasion of the christening of Peter Oscar Guttinger. (King's Studio)



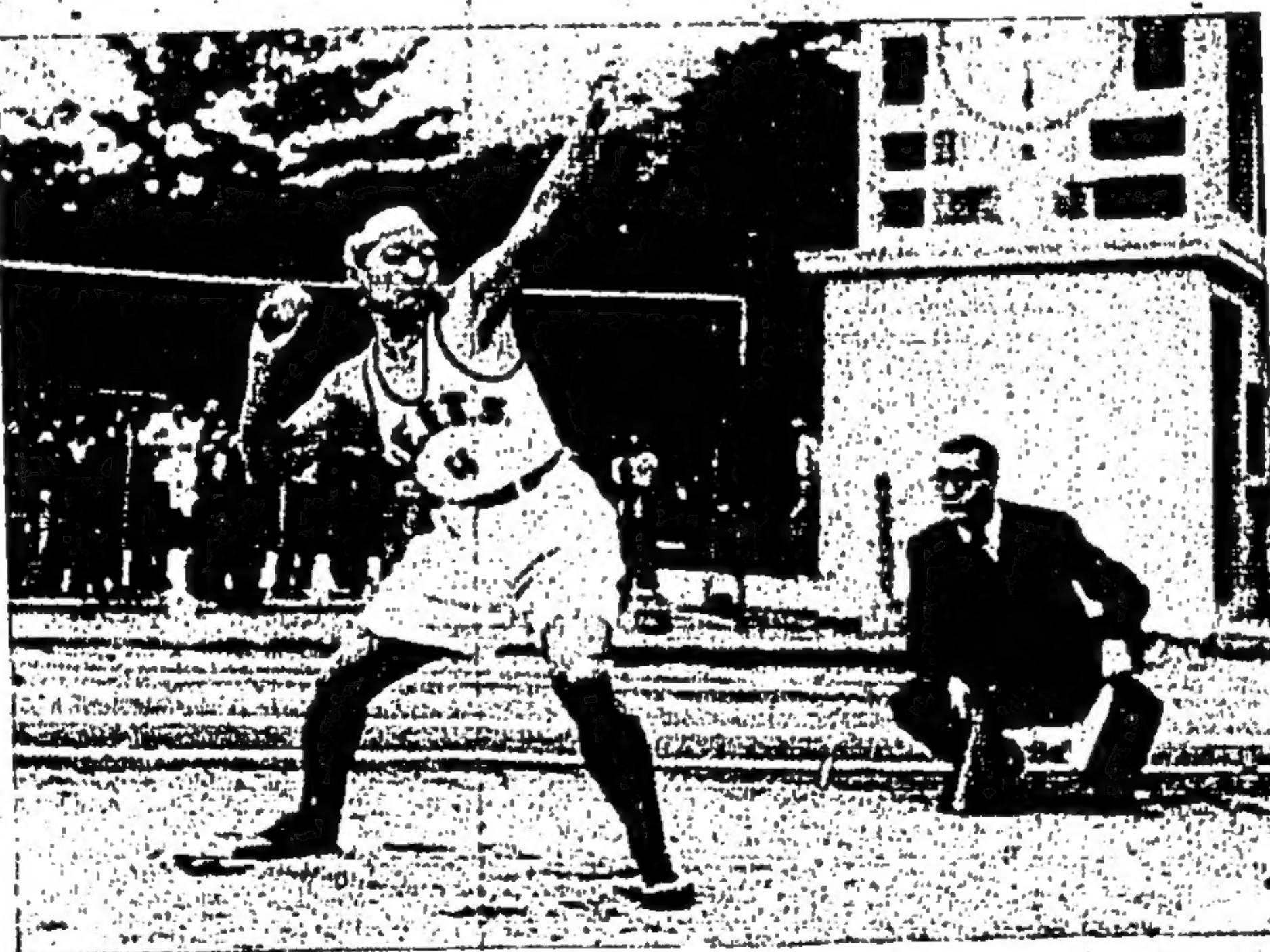
GROUP outside the Registry last week after the wedding of Mr Henry Siow and Miss Teresa Yuen. (Moo Cheung)



MISS Mui Shun-ngan, of Heung Tao Girls' School, last year's girls' inter-school track champion, came first in 60, 100 and 200 metres heats early this week. With her is Mr Loo Shiu-kan, well-known South China Athletic Association coach. The finals of the sports take place tomorrow. (Golden Studio)



THE Ling Ying School girls' 400 metres relay team, who were victorious in one of the inter-school heats on Monday, photographed with their coach. (Golden Studio)

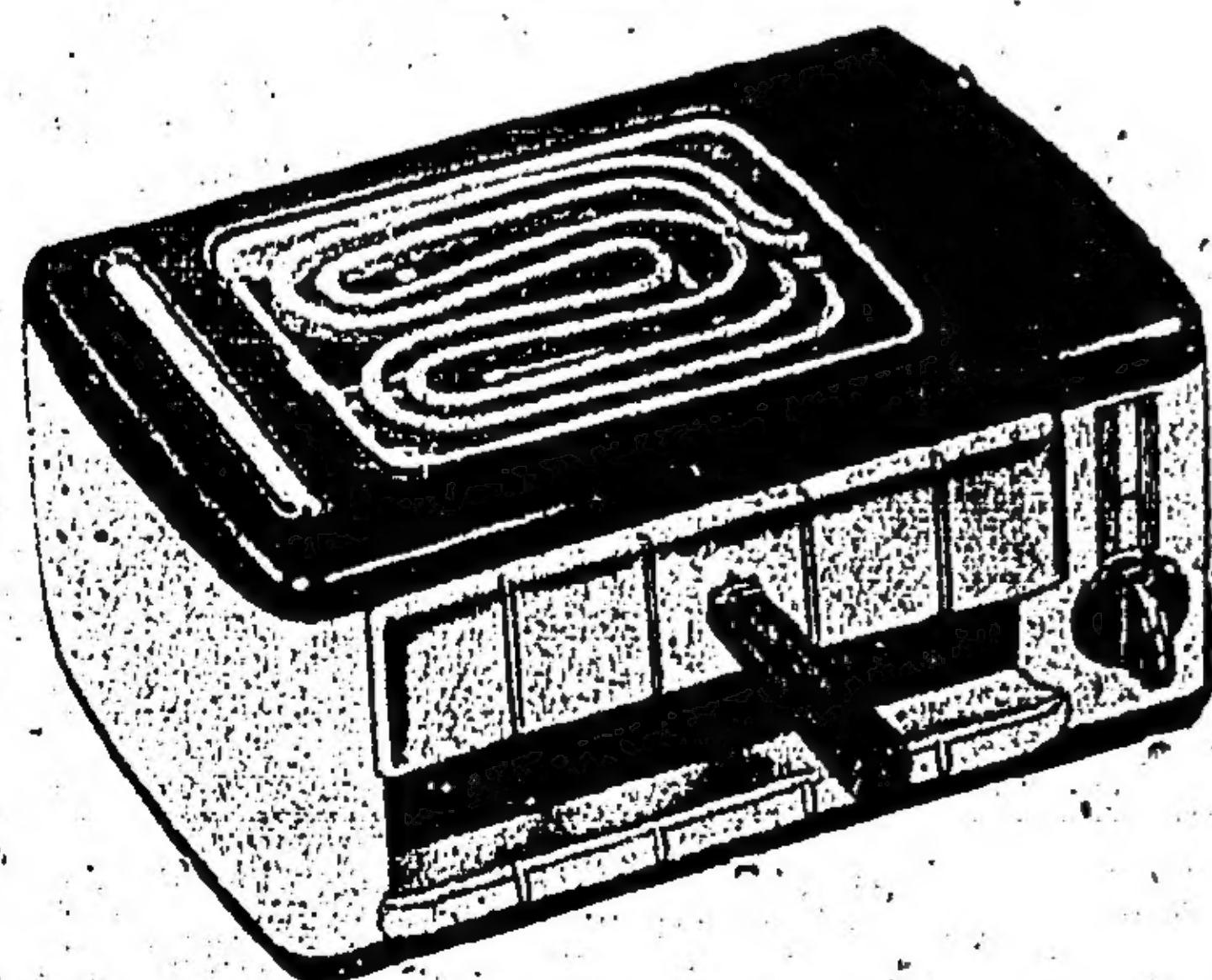


WINNER of a shot put event in the inter-school sports heats was Chan Kam-wah, (left) of the Far East Flying Training School. (Golden Studio)



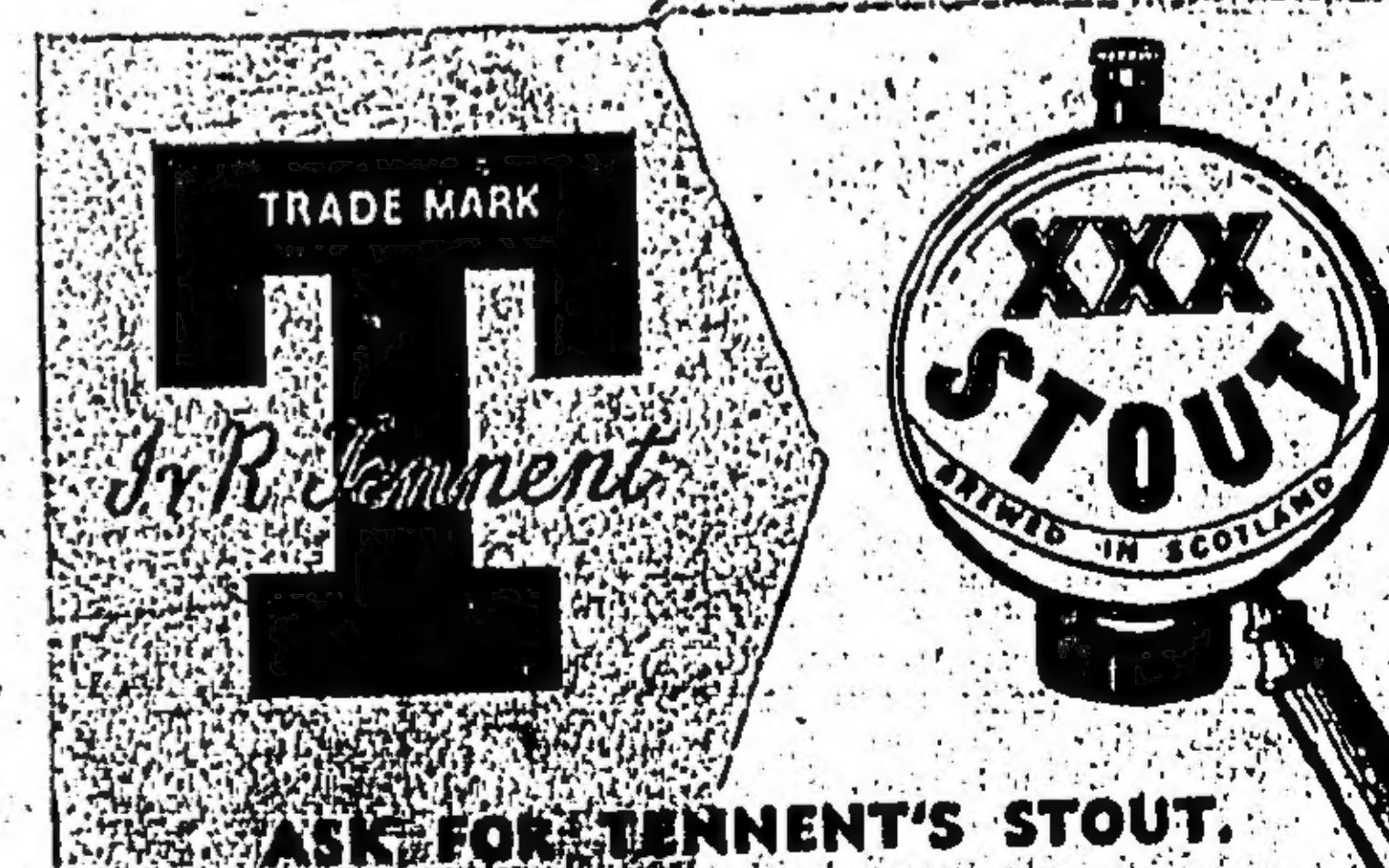
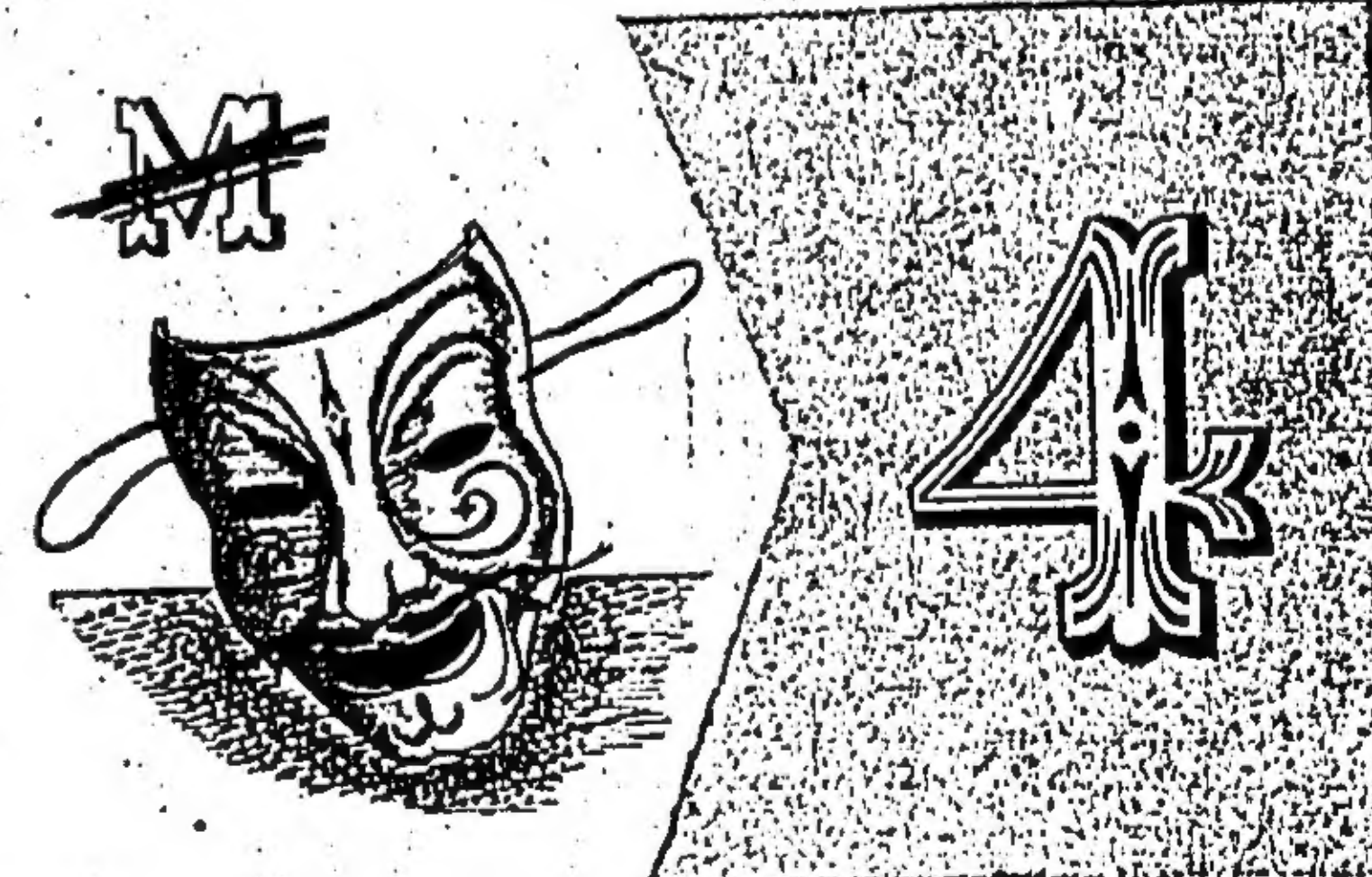
PICTURE taken at a party given by alumni of Kwok Man University, Canton, in honour of Mr Ng Ting-sun, President of the University, at the ABC Restaurant last Sunday. (Golden Studio)

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Lady Hastings

Sooner or later every young man comes up against the problem of marriage—faced by the questions "Have I enough money to marry?" and "When shall I marry?" Here Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., tells of his own marriage, and offers some wise advice to those about to enter on matrimony.

Sir Patrick Hastings K.C.

tells the story of his own romance, with a few comments on ambitious mothers

If the position were reversed and children were permitted to advise their parents as to the treatment of their offspring, well might the advice be, just love us and leave us alone.

She came into the room

One dark Sunday afternoon in winter I had finished my work earlier than usual, and was feeling depressed and ill from a sharp attack of my ever-recurring malaria. The long walk home to Putney seemed dreary beyond belief, and being in the last stages of exhaustion it was a relief beyond words when I was asked to go to tea at a house in Colville-road.

I remember sitting in the drawing-room, grateful for the comfort of the fire, when my wife came into the room.

If I could choose for myself the two characteristics which I would most greatly desire to possess, I think I should choose a violent temper and complete and utter selfishness.

The first ensures the defence of competitors, and the terror of opponents, but that I have never been able to acquire. The second enables its possessor to make up his mind as to the object he desires to attain, and leaves him untrammelled as to the feelings of others in his attainment.

There is much to be said in favour of knowing what you want and being quite determined to get it.

Within a very short time of my first visit, my wife found herself engaged to be married.

But the tears had no effect

I am bound to say she accepted the situation with considerable fortitude, but not so her mother. She was the ideal mother, and I am sure she had always wanted her daughters to marry well; consequently she must have hated me.

She thought I was completely penniless, in which she was completely right, and she also thought I was an atheist, in which she was quite wrong.

She sobbed bitterly, but her tears had no effect.

A long engagement is a state I would not wish upon my most hated enemy, but in our case it was unavoidable.

Thoughts on being penniless

To be penniless is, to say the least of it, unpleasant, but to impose that state on someone else, of course, is a different matter.

At the same time it may leave memories which go far to wipe out less pleasant recollections, memories of unfeeling cheerfulness and confidence, encouragement in moments of depression, and above all contempt for unwanted sympathy.

I well remember a patronising relative offering to my wife sympathetic congratulations upon my wonderful luck at being allowed to work for Charles Gill.

Her only answer was: "What wonderful luck for Charles Gill."

Towards the end of two years Sir John Simon appointed me his private secretary at my well-known salary of £2 a week.

Why he did it I can never imagine, as I was an appalling secretary; I never could and still cannot spell accurately without the aid of a dictionary, and my writing was atrocious.

I was quite incapable of wording an acceptance of a polite invitation by an archbishop, neither did I know the proper designation of the eldest son of a marquis, and John Simon was in great demand.

He gave it up after six months.

Poor Simon! After six months he could stand no more, but he handed me a cheque for six months' salary, £50.

We had never had so much money before, so we decided to get married.

My wife's mother sobbed; she sobbed unceasingly for many hours; I offered her my deepest sympathy, but was prepared to do no more. We were married within a week.

Our wedding could hardly be described as a society event. As far as I know, nobody was invited but I remember that the church was full.

Everybody loved my wife, and I can only imagine that the congregation assembled in order to express their unqualified disapproval of me.

Throughout the service my wife's sisters and relations all sobbed, and so did most of the congregation.

'As so many are sorry'

Afterwards I apologised to the clergyman for the lack of enthusiasm his efforts had evoked. He must have been a very shrewd old man.

"As so many people are sorry to lose her," he said, "I rather fancy you are rather lucky."

Bless his kind heart, he never said a wiser thing!

The furniture was a problem. It was accumulated with great difficulty and by degrees.

There was one tragedy: we never had a piano. As neither of us played the piano it did not greatly affect us, but our one small maid did not think it was respectable.

Our margin was very narrow, and although I suppose I had a bank-book I never dared to look at it, because the balance at its best never reached £10.

Once I had to pawn the ring my wife had given me in order to pay the railway fare for a case on Circuit.

In one respect I was exceptionally fortunate; never for one moment was I permitted to regard my work as a thing so sacred as to be beyond criticism, or, if necessary, stern reproof, and there are many members of my profession who would have derived much benefit from a similar course of treatment.

Whenever I had a case of any interest my wife used to come to court, where she would remain from start to finish.

Her appearances in court were so regular that she became the object of respectful attention of every policeman and usher in the building, all of whom vied with each other in order to ensure for her the most comfortable seat.

No matter how crowded the court or how distinguished may have been those who desired to hear the case, they were ruthlessly removed in order to ensure for my wife her accustomed place.

I remember on one occasion Mr Justice Darling sending me down a note from the Bench saying: "I see your wife is not here; I suppose that means that this is a very dull case."

Our first baby arrived after we had been married two years; perhaps she waited so long out of

kindness because she thought we had enough expense without her. It was a remarkable experience; one-day she was not there; the next day she was.

I have had other babies since and have grown wise in my generation, but there has never been a day in my life quite like the one on which Barbara was born.

If ever I were asked to give advice on the subject of early marrying, my only answer could be: "Don't ask advice from anyone. And if you get it, don't take it."

A long experience in the Divorce Court may well result in a somewhat cynical view of marriage which is quite unjustified if only by reason of the fact that the Divorce Court, while knowing everything about adultery, knows nothing whatever about happiness.

To my mind the whole of our law alike upon the subject of marriage and of divorce is utterly ridiculous, based as it is upon a strange mixture of the law of contract, which is singularly inappropriate to a married state, and the old ecclesiastical law, which is not appropriate to anything.

The law proved to be an ass

In so far as it rests upon contract the law presupposes that two people who may be either so young or so stupid as to be quite incapable of forming a wise opinion upon anything, and both being possibly urged by a sudden passion which renders them incompetent to make any sane decision, have entered into an agreement which is to endure for the term of their natural lives.

As there is practically no other form of contract of similar duration, it is scarcely surprising that once again the law has proved itself to be an ass.

The ecclesiastical view is based upon a more simple maxim, "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder," and consequently it requires a married couple, however unhappy in their union, either to live in legitimate misery for the rest of their lives, or else, if they are more courageously inclined, to indulge in a state of perpetual adultery.

The happiness of individuals does not appear to have entered into anybody's calculation.

Possibly a time may come when there will be difference in our matrimonial outlook, and marriage may be regarded somewhat more as a state of mutual happiness and somewhat less as a term of imprisonment for life.

In a civilised community no one should be sentenced to a life of misery merely because their married life has proved a failure.

Doubtless it is difficult to define a happy marriage.

At its best it is perhaps the one thing that makes life worth living, but however well it starts, from the beginning to the end its continuance hangs by a thread; never for one moment must the thread be stretched too far or it may break.

If they begin to slip apart

Many a young wife claims the right to have what she is pleased to call "her men friends." She is a fool; almost as great a fool as her husband who admits her contention.

If once they begin to slip apart they will never come back, and the rift, once started, will widen every day until they find themselves glaring at each other with synthetic hate in the presence of the President of the Divorce Division.

Children afford still another opportunity for the interference of ecclesiastical dogma and possibly of judicial severity.

I well remember the almost savage ferocity of one learned judge towards a boy who was so far forgetful of his duty of parental honour that he knocked his father down in an endeavour to prevent a brutal assault upon his mother.

But undoubtedly children are a legal nuisance; they are naughty when they are young and expensive when they begin to grow up, and the only remedy suggested by the wisdom of our ancestors is to beat them when they are young and to make settlements upon them when they are older.

Best return for the money

It might perhaps be better that parents should be enjoined to feel more gratitude towards their children.

Children did not ask to be born, and most of their evil tendencies are probably inherited against their will, but their forgiveness is, I think, tolerable; they are tolerant in their understanding, and generous in their toleration, and, above all, they are the best companions in the world.

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All amateur players in clubs, billiard halls and institutes throughout Britain are invited to take part in a national break competition with 50 silver cups and other prizes as the reward every year.

There will be a chance for everyone—good or bad, young or old—in the following categories:

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Highest billiards break;
Highest snooker break;
Highest number of billiards breaks of 51 and over;
Highest number of snooker breaks of 26 and over;
65 years and over—highest billiards break;
65 and over—highest snooker break;
16 to 18—highest billiards break;
16 to 18—highest snooker break.

MONTHLY
Billiards—highest number of breaks 21 to 50 each month;
Snooker—highest number of breaks 15 to 25 each month.
All breaks must be made in a genuine game on any full-size table and be vouched for by the player's opponent and the marker or club secretary.

Details will be recorded in a special half-crown book prepared by the Control Council for issue to clubs and players. It will be ready next month.
Prize claimants will send in their books to headquarters once a year or monthly, according to their class of competition.

THEY LIKED SAM

The "Sporting Sam" cartoon reproduced here so intrigued members of the Portsmouth (Hampshire) Archery Club that the secretary,



Patrick Clover, asked for the original drawing.
His idea was to frame it, attach a number of small silver shields, and to use it as a club trophy for the member who had the worst archery luck during the year.

Qualifiers were a man whose bow broke and cracked open his snail; one whose arrow broke in shooting while still in the bow; the other six inches penetrating his hand; and a youngster whose chances of the world championship were defeated by illness.

The cartoon has been framed according to plan. It will be presented to the winner at the club dinner.



The picture shows club members shooting in the ballroom at their dance in Southern. Targets were 20 yards away, included a balloon held in a member's hand!

MISS PAGET'S RECORD

Generally overlooked in the records of the flat-racing season just ended is the achievement of Miss Dorothy Paget in breeding the winners of 62 races.

For never before in British turf history have so many races been won in a single season by horses all bred by the same person.

The 62 wins were brought off by 31 horses, 29 of them owned by Miss Paget. Stakes won by her own horses totalled £24,403.

Most of the winners were bred at Miss Paget's stud at Ezenham, Essex, which she started in 1930, with Percy Purcell, former manager of the National Stud in Ireland, in charge. Nigel Purcell, his son, is the present manager.

In 12 years 120 horses have been bred at Ezenham. They have won more than 100 races. The last year is straight Deal, the 1943 Derby winner. Ten of his progeny won 21 races worth £2,441.

SOFTBALL CHATTER

CANADIANS MEET CHALLENGE OF VRC TOMORROW

Recreio's Withdrawal Presents A Curious Situation

The current all-conquering Senior League leaders, Bill Wood's Canadians, this week face the threat of their nine-game winning streak being severed.

They are to meet a strong challenger to their present most favoured position in the pennant race—Charles Figueredo's Victoria Recreation which, having already suffered defeat twice, are all out to stay in. Another loss puts them almost completely out.

This is the big game of the week. It is on at 2 p.m. tomorrow at King's Park. The Canucks are favoured to win again for general steadiness, against the flashy but unreliable play dished out usually by the peppery VRC squad.

Such a lot of noise has come out as a result of the Recreio withdrawal from the league after they were defeated twice, are all out to stay in. Another loss puts them almost completely out.

Indirect threats of withdrawals are heard. The General Committee in a meeting last night to do the Rules don't cover withdrawals. At a time like this, cooler heads must come to the fore. Supporters of the game should give it support, make the organisers' job a simpler one, give them a chance, instead of showing "toughness" in advance. Nothing done so far is known to have been decided as to the position of the other teams as a result of the Rec withdrawal.

I have ascertained, however, the Recs have not officially submitted their withdrawal. Perhaps, it isn't too late either for the Recs to reconsider the whole matter. If they do, and decide, on second thought, not to withdraw, everything will be smoothed out. All's well that ends well! So, what do you say?

Meanwhile, the Portugal squad for the coming International Series has been selected. This team includes eight Rec players. Old Wahoos Charlie Figueredo has been voted Manager. The members are: Gerry Gosano, Joe Franco, Dickie Alves, Wilfred Lawrence, Art Orazio, Gussie Perreira, Billy Soares, Alvaro Xavier, Mamie Xavier, Eddie Gosano, Bertie Gosano, Spotty Perreira, Avichi Yvanovich, Rennie Sequeira and Charlie Quinn.

Week-End Stars

Alice Mar, Canadians—This only feminine member of the Association General Committee did her chores on the diamond to contribute much, if not most, in the achievement of the Canucks' sensational but well-earned triumph last week over the unhappy champion Wahoos, whose boss, Hal Wingle's "heart-break" over this, his team's second defeat of the season, perhaps, is now but mending slowly. Dynamic, brainy but poor Hal put everything into his efforts but only to see his gals err 14 times.

What could have come over this powerful attacking and classy fielding champions? I confess I really don't think their cause is yet lost.

High-quality material still belongs to Wahoosland. When taken out of the dumps, were they now appear to be, they will come fighting back. Here's hoping—anyway—Don't like to see champs falling by the way so easily.

Popular Alice—she's also the Canucks' Big Chief and pitcher—whiffed nine powerful Wahoos in chucking a five-hitter in an easy 12-0 win. Her team gave good support, especially with the return of veterans Ullan Khoo and Mary Ng.

Between the three of them, plus peppy dependable Rosita Nye at first and Margie Woo as battery mate, who is an impressive all-rounder, they tied up the erstwhile aggressive Wahoos.

Alice's clutch playing had many a "stratagem" blasted. She did not allow a single free ticket. Undoubtedly, it was a superb top all-round performance.

Rosita Nye, Canadians—Colourful Rosita slugged her way to brighten her own star with two hits in three trips out of six driven out by her side. And she looked after the first catch neatly perfectly.

The Wahoos were beaten in all departments. Only Irene Castilho got her way somewhat, slugging a double.

Even the "stick of dynamite" Patsy Ribeiro failed to "explode." Perhaps, it's only one of those black days for the Wahoos. I say, perhaps, of course.

Don Robbins and Junior Markar, Canadians—Sure-fire Don was powerfully at it again! He drove fiercely for two sizzling triples, the best slugging of the Khalsa-Canuck struggle.

He pushed in important runs, ably assisted by versatile Junior, whose tricky bunting did damage. He, too, was good for two hits, neat singles.

A surprising jittery, none-too-confident Maple Leaf squad started against the unpredictable Khalsa Indian gang. With their die-hard spirit—which, I thought, the Canucks felt was against them—exemplified when up against odds, the Khalsas nearly succeeded in causing another major upset.

This fighting bunch, succumbed by only a one-run margin. They didn't manage to "kill" the giants, but they certainly had the life scared out of the league leaders. The Canuck infield was shaky; fortunately, A. H. Bakar, who did not come off the bench, with his big bat, was in there all the same. He pulled them together with steady, heady ball-playing.

I.L.K. "Nugget" Ebrahim, Khalsa—His star shone brightest among good performers and teammates, old-timer Shelly Rumsch, S. H. Khan and M. A. Wahab, Jr. The last named excelled also in fly-catching. Each of the four swiped a couple of hits.

"Nugget" played errorless ball to get in front of the overall picture, where Captain Barney Abbas and Albert Kader hit safely once. The score sheets say the Khalsas outlasted and committed less errors than their victors. That was one time figures did lie. The Canucks' clutch experience served them in good stead.

Mamie Xavier, St Joseph's—This versatile sportsman got the Saints out of trouble after they were held scoreless for four innings. Mamie's brace of safeties broke his side into the scoring column and thereafter there was no looking back for Jindoo Hussain's Colleagues.

The determined Filipinos, under Fred Diehl, whom they beat, rare did shake the mighty Saints, who were mighty scared. Ramon and Al Malig banged a double apiece for the Filipino hit-back.

Bill McClane, Americans—The Chung Wah took the Americans for

a ride, but Bill staged a one-man show with the classiest of batting, 1,000, three hits. Fellow American Bob Porter, the hard-playing hurler, was in the limelight again with two hits.

The victorious Chung Wah did not produce an outstanding performer, but their fine co-ordinated effort resulted in success. Dick Chung's men did well against heavy shelling.

Gussie Perreira, VRC—Mightily challenging for the batting crown, this dashing player, who's here, there and everywhere and welcomed, hit safely twice to top averages in the VRC-Overseas games which Gussie's team won. Victorian Ernie Ribeiro smacked a homer, George Saunders a triple.

Tony Stampo, Vikings—The only other 1,000 slasher in last week's full fixtures was by this promising Viking "strong man." Tony hit three safely, to grab most of the honour in the victory over Rexes.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

By "SEE TEE"

Boundary Street's Big Week-End

Both this afternoon and tomorrow the Police Ground, at Boundary Street, Kowloon, will have its accommodation taxed to the limits.

Unbeaten, 100-per cent South China "A", make their first visit of the season to Kowloon this afternoon. They meet the wiry and virile Chinese Athletic in a senior match.

Tomorrow is the first of this season's Governor's Cup matches, in which are opposed eleven representing the Hongkong Football Association on the one hand, and the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation, on the other.

Quite definitely the match of this week (in the league competition at any rate) is the meeting of South China "A" and Chinese Athletic.

South China have won every one of their eight league games so far, and scored 3-0 victory over the Navy last Sunday to enter the second round of the Senior Shield.

While both South China and Chinese Athletic have scored 28 goals in league matches this season, South China have conceded only seven as opposed to the Athletic's 17.

It is a great pity that this match-winning Chinese Athletic team will be short of one or more of their regular players this week. The Athletic have a great reputation for rising to an occasion.

The ex-Sing Tao players who form the present South China "A" team, will have the fullest memories of the 2-1 defeat they met in their last season match with Chinese Athletic in April.

No matter how great the odds—and they must be heavily against the Athletic this afternoon—they usually hold on to the very last.

PREPARING

In preparation for their coming match with the all-conquering "A" team, St Joseph's, this afternoon, meet South China "B" at Caroline Hill. A week tomorrow it is South China "A" v. the Saints at Caroline Hill.

Although the "B" team rose to the occasion in splendid style last Saturday, in knocking KMB out of the Shield, they must feel that the visit of the Saints is quite as difficult a task.

The Saints, on the other hand, must remember that the "B" forward line is a thrustful lance. Apart from the veteran Chan Tak-fai, at centre forward, all the attackers are inexperienced but speedy players.

This was most evident on several occasions in the match with KMB last week. Clever positional play by the KMB backs often took the shine right off many flashing South China raids.

BY WHAT TACTICS?

The steady advance of South China "A", with an unbroken string of victories, raises the important question—of which of the local sides will beat them, and by what special tactics?

The Army were definitely unlucky not to beat South China "A" at the end of October. It may be that the soldiers left their final slashing onslaught just a little late.

Had the match gone on another five minutes, it seemed most likely that South China would crack. High speed and a boundless store of energy, and stamina were the Army's strong suits. Two points of interest, arising out of recent games, have been the speed and thrustfulness of South China "A"'s wingmen, and centre forward, and the clear understanding between the centre half and the full backs.

Between the forwards and the defence, the open spaces, which a fast attack, directed by a player of the

perence, should exploit to the full. The other two First Division games on today's programme are RAF v. KMB at Sookwupoo (the Airman have a hard match here), and Kitchee versus the Army on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay. In many respects this is the most interesting match on the island today.

The Army are expected to win, but any tendency of the soldiers to take it easy may find them a couple of goals in arrears very quickly. Kitchee have scored more goals than any other First Division side this season.

RISK OF INJURY

Bone hard grounds continue. Apart from the much increased risk of injury (which makes some players shrink the full-blooded tackle), a gusty breeze and a light ball have made the footballer's lot a bigger test of physical fitness.

If heavy rain does not come before tomorrow, the end of the ninety minutes Governor's Cup match will find several foot-sore and leg weary players.

TOMORROW'S CUP MATCH

For tomorrow's Governor's Cup match, the Chinese Federation have invited what may well be considered their best possible eleven, although one may wonder at the absence of Tam Kwan-nan, KMB's goal-keeper, Tam, KMB's left back and the sparkling centre forward Tang Yee-kit, also of KMB.

The same is hardly true of the side chosen to represent the Hongkong FA, which is a disappointment. One notable omission is the Navy's left back, while the changeover of Craighead from centre-half, where he has played many fine games for the Army, is an unjustifiable improvisation.

Craighead is a stout-hearted player in any defensive role; but, surely, it is as a pivot that he has excelled most.

Several forwards seem unaccountably to have been overlooked. Since Rafferty is out of port, another centre-forward must be found.

Nelson of the Club, or Higgs of the Navy, should fill this berth. Another noteworthy omission is the twinkling feet of Marsden of the Army while other left wingmen with stronger claims than Omar may be found.

There could have been little doubt as to who would be the Chinese right back and, well, though Omar has played in many games, he rarely has a good match against the inclusive play of Hau Yung-sang. From the information available at the time of writing these notes, one can only express hopes for some inspired football from the chosen eleven. With memories still fresh of the slaying of Keweenaw in the Memorial Cup match, it is to be hoped that the tactics of this Governor's Cup match will be to include this right-wingman as much as possible.

The FA forwards, which commands itself to many people, is: Keweenaw, Marsden, Nelson, Kiernan and Byrne, with Tam.

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FROM HERE AND THERE:

Back To Normal On The Wheel Of Fate

Trieste: The first post-war Italian suicide caused by losses at roulette is reported from Venice, where a Tione merchant cut his veins after losing at the Venice Casino, a large amount of money held in trust. Venice papers carried the item under the heading "Return to Normal."

HASTY GLOBETROTTER

Copenhagen: A Danish journalist, Lolf Hendil, has circled the globe in 6 days 21 hours 15 minutes, using ordinary route planes. In order to prove the reliability of air lines Hendil left Copenhagen on Tuesday, November 16, arrived in Cairo on Wednesday, Calcutta on Thursday, Shanghai on Friday, Tokyo on Saturday, Anchorage on Sunday, New York, Monday, and Copenhagen on Tuesday at 11.50 a.m., 25 minutes before time. Actual flying time was 92 hours 43 minutes.

FROM DUST TO DUST

New York: A vacuum cleaner which picks up dirt and dust, combines with it a stream of water, and disposes of it down the drain has been patented by Arthur McGuire, a Philadelphia inventor.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Oslo: Letters addressed to Father Christmas, Fairland, Oslo, Norway, are being received at the post office, Oslo. They are written by English children who send long lists of things wanted. The letters have a connection with the Christmas tree for Trafalgar Square, which will be shipped from Oslo in the middle of this month. The Lord Mayor of Oslo, Mr. Stokke, will go by plane to hand the tree over to the municipal authorities in London on December 20.

IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS?

Washington: Washington says that there may soon be another F.D.R. in the American Government. President Truman is thinking of making Roosevelt's son Secretary of the Navy. That is the department in which F.D.R., senior, began.

A KING IS DEAD

Durban: William Pangel, South African circus king, has died aged 70. He was buried in Pretoria on the farm where so many of his favourite animals are buried. His circus

toured South Africa for 43 years. In his prime he weighed 332 pounds, carried horses bodily up a ladder, and defied two elephants in harness to pull apart his folded arms. He was often mauled and several times was nearly killed in the circus ring. In Durban in 1943 he was speared by a lion and sustained 38 serious wounds. Twenty years before, he had a fight to the death with a strange lion he started to train, and spent 13 weeks in hospital.

MINK FOR MITES

New York: Fur coats for children were introduced in Hollywood, of course, by designer Al Teitelbaum. Prices—£75 up to £250. Said Teitelbaum: "The best way to help the ego of a youngster is to give a snappy number in beaver or lamb."

INSECTS ON WARPATH

Sydney: Sydney is wondering what happens next. Recently a plague of black flies invaded the city and halted traffic. Six sacks of dead flies were taken from one office alone. Soon after a red dust storm, unprecedented in Sydney's history, shrouded the city so that airliners were grounded for three hours, with shops closing to save their stocks from ruin. The weather bureau agreed that conditions were phenomenal, but declined to forecast the next plague.

SHE'S HAD IT

Rome: Edda Ciano Mussolini, dining with a friend in a Sorrento night club recently, was suddenly confronted with her father's executioner. Communist MP Walter Audino, Edda recognised him but pretended to take no notice. She went on talking and laughing and beating time with her fork to a Neapolitan song being played by the orchestra. The refrain of the song went like this: "Who has given, has given, who has had it, has had it. But us not think about it any more."

HOME TO ROOST

Wellington: A racing pigeon owned by C. Litherland, of Ponsonby, Auckland, has popped into its loft and carried on with the normal chores of a pigeon. But it has arrived home six years late. It started in a Wellington to Auckland race in November 1942 and should have taken between six and eight hours to complete the course. The bird's identity is proved by the details on the identification ring round its leg.



THE RAGE OF THE VULTURE. By Alan Moorehead. Hamish Hamilton. 9s. 253 pages.

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That is to say, he is a good writer who can do, very quickly, and in conditions of exceptional personal discomfort, what other good writers do at their leisure, at their desks and in their slippers.

But a reporter is, as a rule, concerned with human beings as types, or in the mass. He need not be particularly aware of the individual. And it is precisely with the individual that the novelist must deal.

All this has its relevance to *The Rage of the Vulture*, a novel set in Kandahar, an Indian principality—but it will be simpler to say that "Kandahar" is Moorehead's way of pronouncing "Kashmir". It is 1947. The British residents, mostly retired people, are packing up. The local prince and his ministers are about to flee. A century of peace in those happy valleys is ending. From the mountains the tribesmen pour down in a torrent of murder, rape and looting. Moorehead opens brilliantly with the breath-catching beauty of the Himalayan scene. The history of Kandahar is condensed into a few pages of fine comedy.

The bewildered, plucky group of English people being harried from the continent of which they have been the only honest rulers—Moorehead seizes on the humour without forgetting that, after all, this is not so funny.

Pearson, the hero, is more effective as an onlooker than an actor in those events. And Elizabeth, the blind, doomed heroine—yes, we believe in her, just as we believe in those snow-covered peaks.

But what have these people to do in this setting of horror, this mis-scene for headlong drama?

Moorehead has written a fine book with beautiful and ghastly pages. If he has not organised it into a completely satisfactory novel, it is because at the very heart of the story strength is missing.

THE FAT OF THE LAND. By Peter de Polnay. Hutchinson, 9s. 6d. 207 pages.

PETER DE POLNAY has a light but incisive touch on the typewriter; a cool eye for what matters in a

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De Polnay writes in a kind of shorthand which discards explanations and disquisitions. His characters are lucid, embittered and dispassionate.

The weakness of this novel is that one of the main personages is incredible. His is a millionaire, Michael Barber, who does nothing but eat cutlets and chicken and play bridge. One day he cuts down on the cutlets and runs off with the hero's wife Lucille.

During the war, Barber becomes a leader in the French resistance. After the war, he plays with totalitarian fancies, of the more idealistic

brand. Yes, Michael is hard to take. Pity.

IN THE STEPS OF THE BRONTES. By Ernest Raymond. Rich and Cowan, 12s. 6d. 324 pages.

JUST a century ago came the climax of the Bronte story. It is as swift a drama as anything in fiction. Jane Eyre appeared in October 1847. Within the space of nineteen months, Wuthering Heights had been published, Branswell Bronte was dead, Emily was dead, and Anne was dead.

Small wonder that the Brontes are written about more often than any other literary group. Ernest Raymond notes with pleasant malice some of the theories that have been put forward to explain the strange character of Emily.

Miss Romer Wilson believed that Emily had given herself to Satan. Miss Virginia Moore thought she had found the secret of Emily's "love life" in the mysterious figure of Louis Forensell.

His name appeared but once in the annals, on the manuscript of a poem of Emily's beginning "I know not 'twas so dire a crime."

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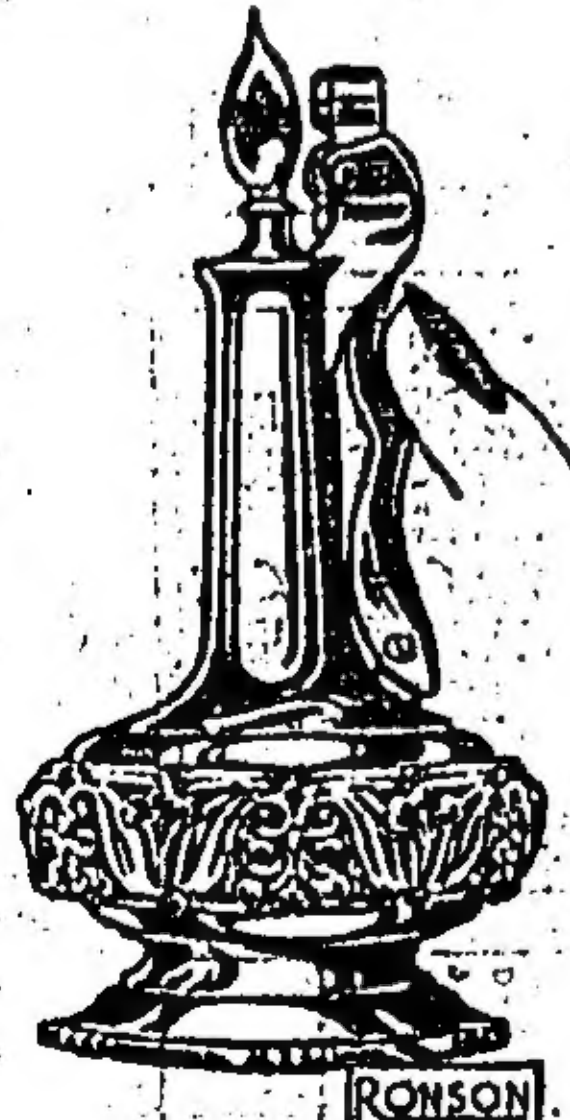


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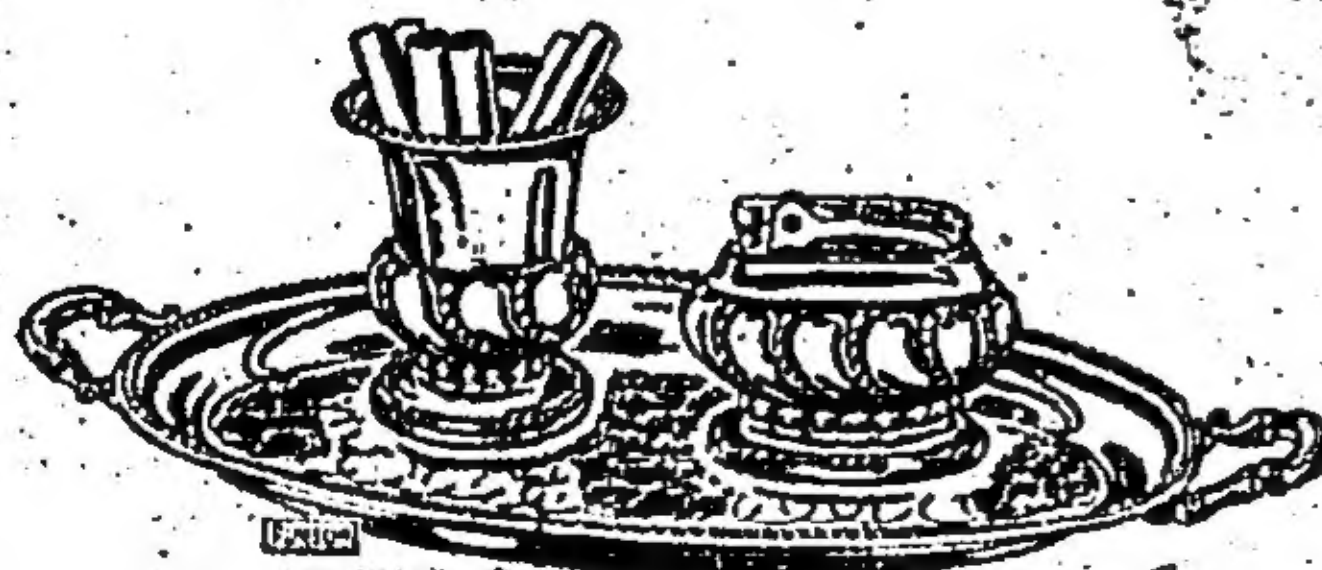


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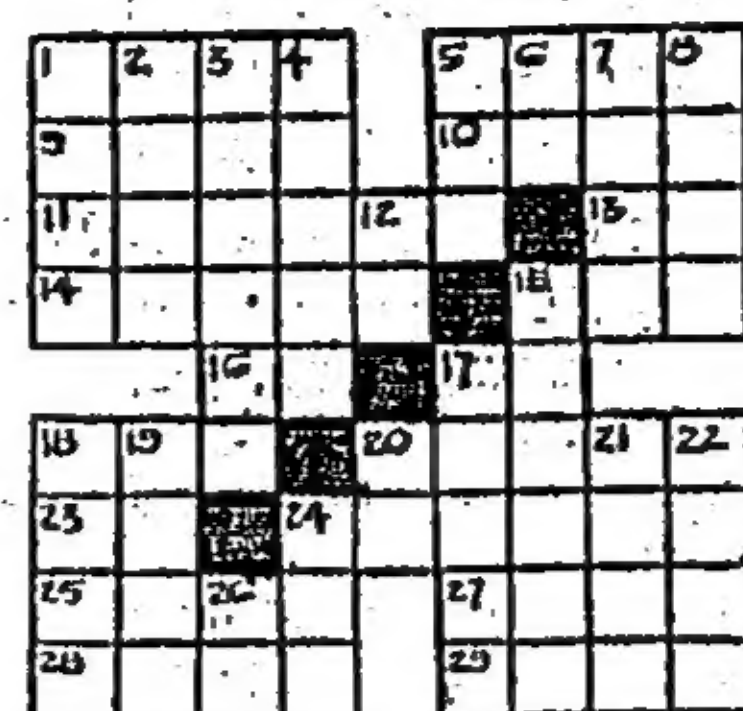
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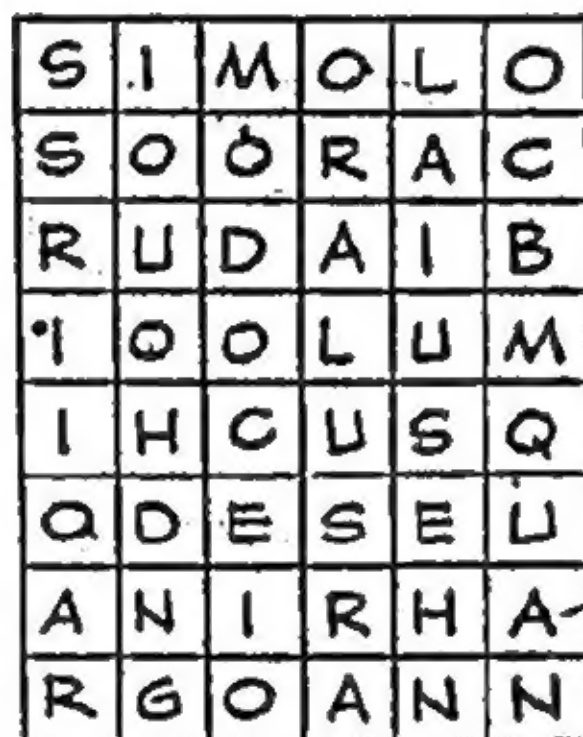
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28 Paradise
29 Meadows

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6 Mystic syllable
7 Erect
9 Concludes
12 Comparative suffix
15 Type of fur
17 Path
18 Greater quantity
19 Dry
20 Measure of area
21 Bones
22 Soaks flax
24 Writing implement
26 Hebrew letter

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Find the correct starting point, then read either backward, forward, up or down (but never diagonally), and you'll have the names of six rivers in the United States:



ADD-A-LETTER

Add a letter to "him" and have "her"; add another and have "an outhouse"; add another and have "a particle."

SCRAMBLERS
Scramble "a particle" and have "flocks."
Scramble "part of a circle" and have a vehicle.

SOLVE-A-RIDDLE
Work the puzzle and find the missing word in the answer to the following riddle:
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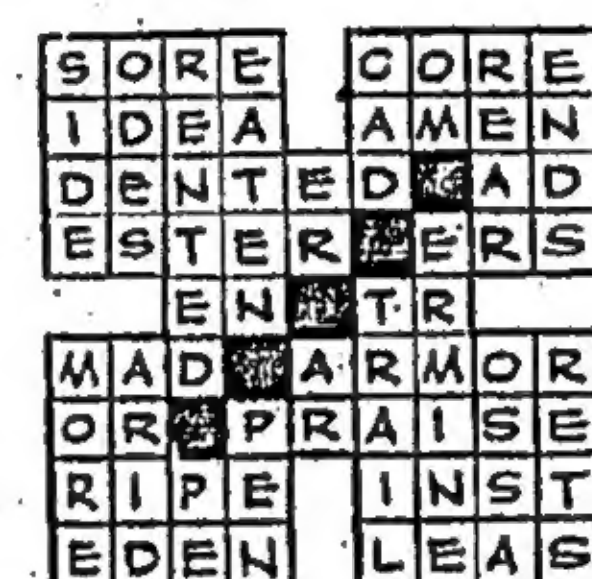
Read down: 1—A sharp tool. 2—Look. 3—Purchased. 4—Commences.

Now read across the third row of letters and find the missing word.

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ANSWERS DON'T PEEK

CROSSWORD PUZZLE:



ADD-A-LETTER: He, she, shed, shed. RIVER SQUARE: Susquehanna; Rio Grande; Columbia; Colorado; Missouri; Ohio.

SOLVE-A-RIDDLE: 1. BIRD. 2. LOOK. 3. BOUGHT. 4. BEGIN.

SCRAMBLERS: Shred, herds; Arc, car. DIAMOND: COP. PARCE. CORALS. PEARL. ELL. S.

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Mr. Punch's Back-Yard Circus

—It Had Jugglers, Magicians, and Acrobats—

By MAX TRELL



The juggler in Mr. Punch's circus.

"WHEN you were small," Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, said to his friend Mr. Punch, "did you ever go to the circus?"

Mr. Punch, who was reading a book, didn't seem to hear what Knarf asked him for a moment or two. Then suddenly, he lifted his head. "Eh? What was that you said?"

"When you were small," repeated Knarf, "did you ever go to the circus?"

"Ah, the circus? . . . When I was small, my boy, I never bothered going to the circus the way most children do. You see, I didn't have to. I had my own circus."

Knarf exclaimed in astonishment: "Your own circus?"

A Good Circus

"That's what I said. I had it in my own back yard. It was quite a good circus, too. I had jugglers, and tight rope walkers, and magicians, and prancing steeds, and tumblers, and acrobats, and girls who danced in the air and even clowns."

"All that right in your back yard?" Knarf gasped. He begged Mr. Punch to tell him more about his private back-yard circus that he owned all by himself.

"Well," said Mr. Punch, "it was all under a sort of tent between the raspberry bush and the back gate. The juggler was named Beetle. It was wonderful to watch him throw and catch them as they came down."

"Oh, but—" began Knarf. "And the tight rope walker," Mr. Punch went on, without paying any attention to this interruption, "was a long, thin, rope thread, you might call it—from the gate post to a branch of the raspberry bush. You should have seen how graceful she ran from one end of it to the other. And even when she fell (which she didn't do very often), she had a way of spinning out another rope as quick as a flash and letting herself down on it as lightly as a feather."

"But Mr. Punch—" "And as for magicians," said Mr. Punch, "no other circus had them as good as I did. There was Tadpole who changed himself into a frog. And Caterpillar who made himself into a butterfly. My prancing steeds were all Grasshoppers. My tumblers were Worms who could curl up in a circle and go rolling off like hoops."

Face Challenges

And You'll Win

YOU will seldom meet a problem greater than your power to solve it, if you face that problem. The danger comes from a real eye, and do something about it, regardless of how big or how impossible to solve it appears to you at the moment. In reality, problems are challenges. They say: "Here we are—what are you going to do about us?" They put it up to you, face them and win, or refuse and fail. The wonderful thing about facing these challenges is that you find what a lot of undiscovered power and talent you actually possess, and how willing these latent resources are to help work out difficulties.

Whether you face an unusually hard lesson, or tackle a new job, start with the idea that you have the power to do them and you will win out. If you must meet a personality problem, set your brotherly love to work and watch the difficulty disappear as though by magic. These challenges offer you the opportunity to use them and grow to your highest potentiality. If you face your challenges you CAN win.

"But Mr. Punch," Knarf said, "it wasn't a real, regular circus." "Nonsense," said Mr. Punch. "There isn't any regular circus that's as real as mine used to be. All the other circuses are just copies of mine, and not quite as good. Mine may not have been the biggest one in the world, but it certainly was the first."

Rupert and Margot—14



Margot wants Rupert to see her new house, but the little bear remembers the words of Horace, the hedgehog. "This part of the wood is supposed to be jolly dangerous," he says. "Don't you think we'd better go back at once?" Margot stares at him strangely. "I haven't seen any danger except for the earthquakes," she says. "Earthquakes? What? earthquakes?" cries Rupert. As it is in answer to his question, the hillside suddenly trembles, and lumps of earth and pebbles tumble from above. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

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"Loot The Mine" Is Good Game

GAMES are essential for a good party and new ones are always welcome. "Loot the Mine" will make your next party a howling success. It can be played by any number.

The "props" are a good supply of beans and plenty of the sipper straws used with cold drinks.

When you are ready to start, pile the "nuggets" or beans on a table at one end of the room. This is the "mine."

If you have a large crowd, divide it into two or three teams. With a small group this won't be necessary. Give each player a straw and let the contestants draw nuggets for their chance to loot the mine. This is done by the players, one at a time, picking up a nugget from the mine by sucking through their straws.

They must hold it at the end of the straw while they carry it to their team's cache at the opposite side of the room. It is hilariously funny to watch the faces players make while they try to keep that silver nugget on the end of the straw. Keep the game going until the mine has been "looted." Have each team or each player count the nuggets in the cache and give a prize to the one who did the best job of looting.

RED RYDER



Dec's on the Spot

BY FRED HARMAN

SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

BORN today, you appear to be fearless. You enjoy activity and want something to do all the time. If things are too quiet, you are just the one to start the ball rolling. But you must guard against putting too many irons into the fire at once. You have a good business head, fortunately, and are not the type to put your efforts into something which will not pay you adequate dividends.

You have the talents for an artistic or musical career, provided your latent gifts are developed in childhood. If not, the chances are that you will be a musician or artist solely for your own pleasure. You enjoy travelling and will want to see the world.

In selecting a marriage partner, be very careful to find someone who is thoroughly companionable as well as

someone who is able to cope with your bursts of temperament which often, your enemies call just plain temper! Someone born under Leo, Aries or Scorpio is apt to be the one for you.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

BORN today, your love of beauty in all its forms can be expressed in a number of ways: art, music, creative poetry—or in just being a person who always can see the beautiful and good in the personality of human beings. Having an acute sense of analysis, you are an acute people. You know how to understand theory into practice—and this gives you a quick step upward on the ladder of success, no matter what your objective may be. You are not a type to live alone and enjoy it. In fact, you are only

content when in the midst of a loving family group. During your younger years, you will have hosts of friends of both sexes and many of these will be life-long associations. Being highly idealistic, you often find yourself unable to be satisfied with what you see. You always are striving for perfection—and are very unhappy if you cannot achieve it instantly. Cultivate patience and you will find that things eventually come to you.

Guard against letting your ambitions and dreams carry you into

projects which are beyond your capacity. You may easily become politically ambitious and set your heart on the highest honours. Don't expect to get there by skipping half of the steps! You will find that it takes a lot of hard work to turn your ambitions into actual facts.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—New friends, especially those of the opposite sex, may bring you exceptional happiness today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A journey may benefit your health. Be diplomatic. Compromise and be friendly with those you meet, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Beneficial forces are working in your behalf now. If perplexed, spiritual advice may be extremely helpful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Make this a real family day. Take a short trip to visit your relatives if that is possible.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good business day, especially if you are involved in real estate and the building of new homes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be cautious in all business deal. If you have sincere integrity, then you will make no mistakes in judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't get into emotional complications with members of the opposite sex. Be conservative for best results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—If your initial plans are sound, you may anticipate that personal efforts will be rewarded.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Avoid letting impulse guide your activities. Just now, or giving your confidence too freely to a stranger.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—An emotional day, but if held in proper

check, your emotions may stimulate you to increased activity. Business is favoured.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Steady gains in occupations involving machinery, mining and property. Elderly persons are favoured.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be thrifty if you want to be wise. Be polite and diplomatic with members of the opposite sex.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Morning hours are the best if you want to make progress in business plans. Go out after what you want and get it now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Real estate, as well as the mechanical trades, appear favoured. Enjoy yourself socially, as well.

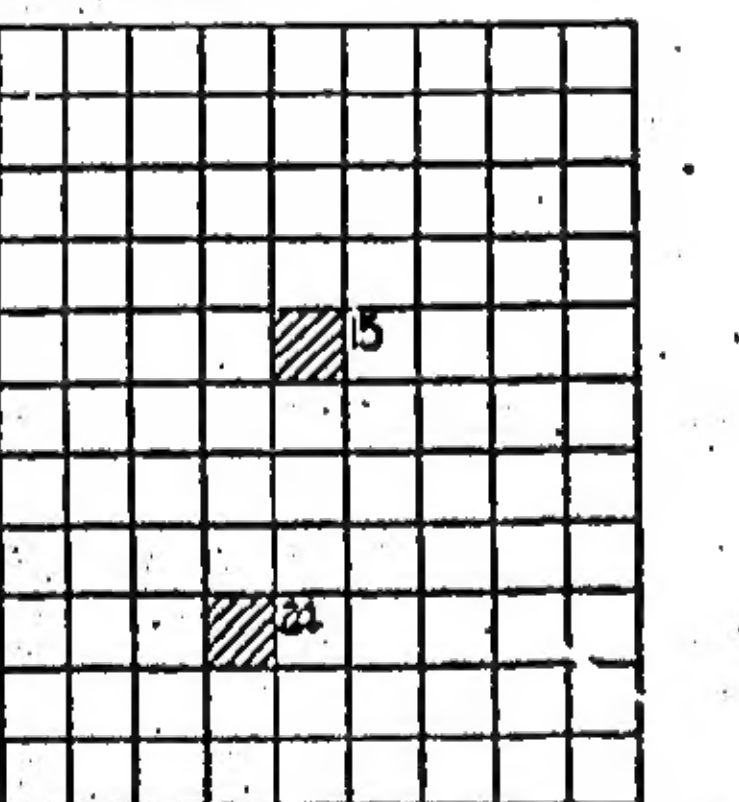
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Impulse is out of order now. Think

SKELETON CROSSWORD

SOLVER of the Skeleton Crossword are required to fill in black squares and clue numbers as well as the words. To give you a start four numbers and four black squares have been given. The pattern is symmetrical. The two sides balance each other, and the top and bottom halves correspond. You can therefore fill in

- CLUES ACROSS**
- He gives one a familiar slap in the household.
 - State of terror in a P.O.'s could be.
 - Her heart is in the building trade.
 - Not quite sixteen inches of rope.
 - Disasters.
 - There's a man in the chapel fund.
 - Contrasts in artificial teeth.
 - It may be a bad sign when women keep their head!
 - Show the red light?
 - Return us a half in a pleasant way.
 - Hitlerite ideal of Mary Ann.
 - It's a shocking sort of thing for the young to read (two words).
- CLUES DOWN**
- She's instructed theoretically to become armed.
 - Make designs in scarlet characters.
 - Jealous go wrong and there's a fruitless enterprise for you (two words).
 - "Mother Spain" (anag.).
 - But we're not a shilling. It seems, for the master.
 - Football.
 - Just the piece for all-in entertainment? (two words).
 - But it is a whole coin.
 - Half angle.
 - This out upsets the monkey.
 - The put-up end of a priest.
 - Give the rat a modest start.
 - Traveller who also a page.
 - Back up a vehicle into an enclosure.

10 more black squares at once to correspond with the given. Except where they may occur in plural words of less than three letters are not used in this puzzle. Note that there is no 1 Down, which indicates that the second square from the left in the second line, and its corresponding ones, can be blacked in.



(Solution on Page 14)

ONE good thing has come out of the International Congress of Subconscious Hygiene and Quasi-Mental Readjustment Processes.

The Government has decided to buy an enormous country mansion, with 10,000 acres of land, as headquarters for the training of expert psychopaths and pseudopathologists who will supervise the politicians at their jobs. C. Suet, Esq., is already preparing quizzes, questionnaires and brainstruticles to be submitted to every politician and civil servant.

The treatment

THE patient lies on a sofa and is hypnotised and injected with muck. He is then asked what the word "horse" suggests to him, what part his grandmother played in his early life, whether he has ever collected string and what colours he sees when he is asleep. In fact, the Forburger approach to the subliminal instillations of the underworld, to decide whether a Mucius Scaevola complex is present. He is then kept on a gilet of mararam-grass until his metacarpal ganglion begins to swell.

Narkover news

ANOTHER scandal seems to be blowing up. A prefect paid for his place in the Rugger team for next term in counterfeit notes. At an inquiry held by the Governors of the school he said he got the notes from the senior History Master, Mr. Ernie Shoggs. Mr. Shoggs said that he got them from the headmaster, Dr. Smart-Allick, as part payment of an old poker debt. Smart-Allick says he got them from the chairman of the governing body.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"They made the highest bid for the house! How can I tell the real estate man we won't sell because you don't like the man's wife?"

WEEK-END QUIZ

- Prince Axel has recently visited the Colony. What is his relationship to the present King of Denmark?
- Mr. Winston Churchill celebrated his 74th birthday recently. Can you recall the date?
- Who is the author of "Gentleman's Agreement"?
- These have been found in recent news reports: (a) Bird of Evil Omen, (b) The Sacred Cow. What do they refer to?
- Bordeaux is the name of a town in Southern France. It is also the name of—?
- If a horse is said to have been "bished", what would you do about it?
- When is Princess Elizabeth's baby to be christened?
- What have these in common—muskat back, kollinsky, marmot, persian lamb paw, corny leopard, chinchilla?

(Answers on Page 14)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Grand Slam Made, But It Takes Doing

AKQJ	None	AKQJ	None
QJ1088	None	QJ1088	None
AJ64	None	AJ64	None
None	None	None	None
0864	None	0864	None
None	None	None	None
KQ83	None	KQ83	None
KQ107	None	KQ107	None
4	None	4	None
107532	None	107532	None
AK	None	AK	None
None	None	None	None
AJ8652	None	AJ8652	None
Rubber—Neither vul.		Rubber—Neither vul.	
Suits: West North East		Suits: West North East	
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠	Pass	2 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠	Pass
Opening—AK	25	Opening—AK	25

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

TODAY'S hand is one of the most popular problem hands in the country. Periodically it is sent to me by people who want to know if I can figure out the solution. The other day it was sent in by Mrs. Robert Frederick of Delmar, N. Y.

Mrs. Frederick said that the final contract is seven spades, with South the declarer, and West opens the king of clubs. Before reading my solution, I suggest that you lay the cards out and go to work on the problem yourself.

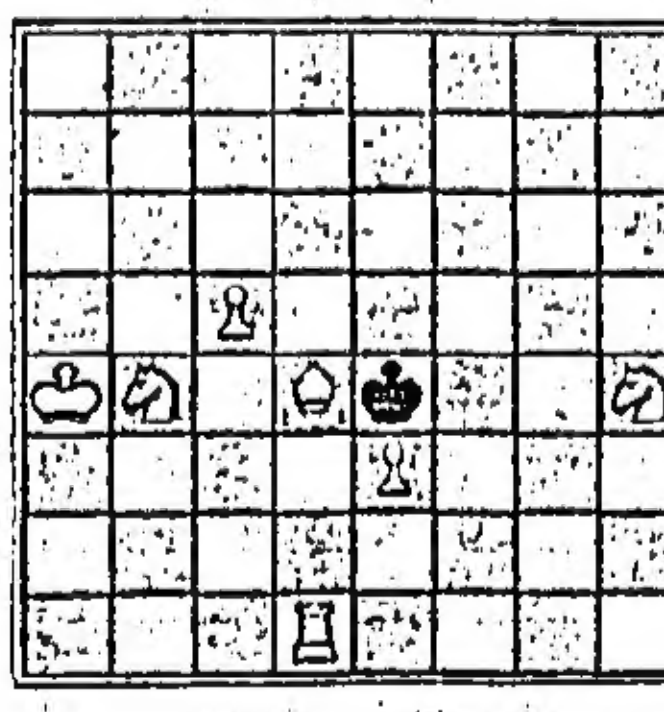
On the opening lead of the king of clubs you play the four of diamonds from dummy and win the trick in your hand with the ace of clubs. You cannot try to cash the ace of hearts, or it will be ruffed, so you lead the deuce of spades and win it in dummy with the jack.

Then trump the six of diamonds with the three of spades, and lead the five of spades to dummy's queen. Trump the jack of diamonds with the seven of spades, lead the ten of spades to dummy's king, cash the ace of spades and discard the ace of hearts from your hand. Then cash the ace of diamonds and discard the king of hearts.

Now you have picked up all of West's trumps, and all five of dummy's hearts are good.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. DECKER
Black, 1 piece.

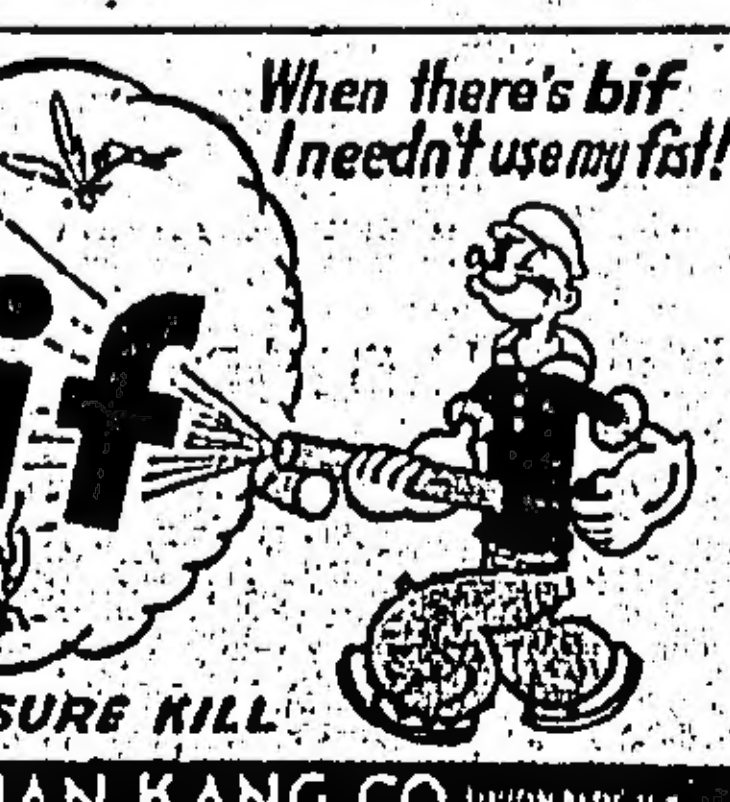
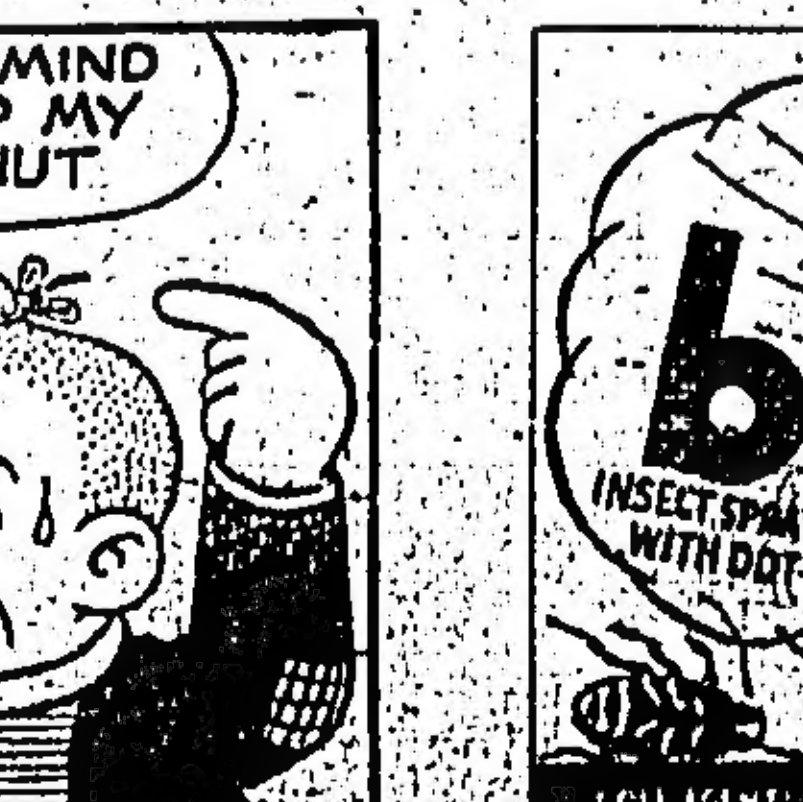


White, 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-R7, any; 2. Q, R, or K mates.

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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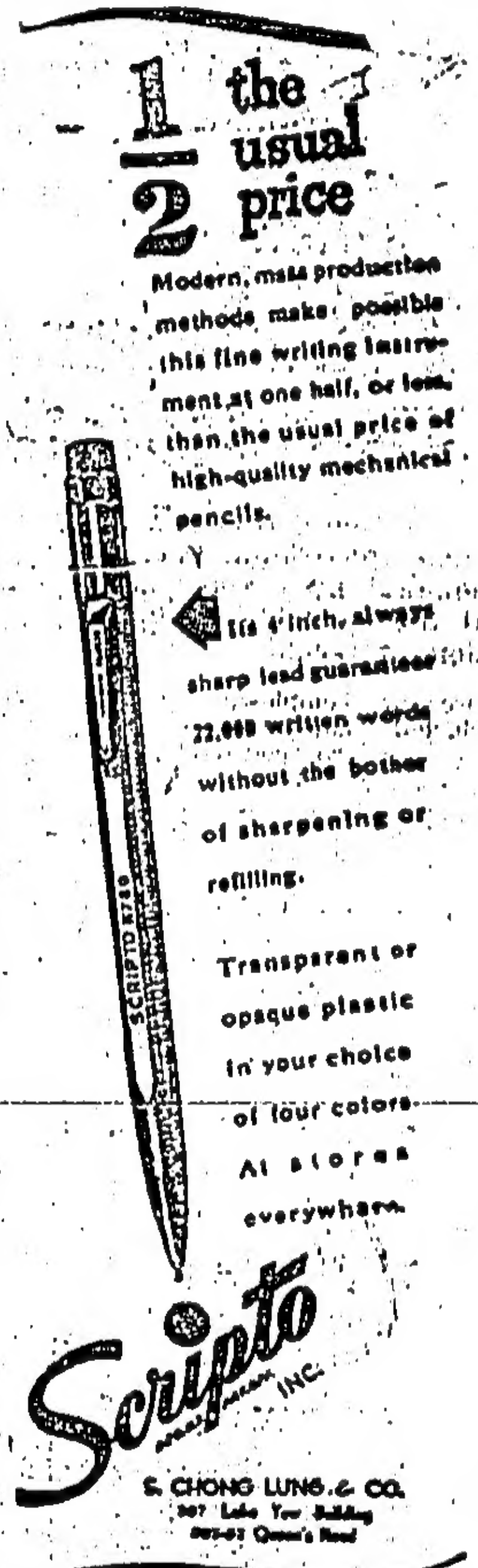


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WESTERN GERMANS' RESOLUTION

SWEEPING REFORMS ASKED

Bonn, Dec. 10.—Western Germany's Parliamentary Assembly today passed a resolution calling for sweeping reforms in the relationship between the occupation forces and the German people, including the right of Germany to participate in international affairs.

The resolution revealed for the first time the Assembly's hopes for the still undetermined Occupation Statute, which will give Western Germany its first clear legal definition of its rights under the occupation.

The resolution was passed by all participating party factions except the Communists.

The Assembly called for the following principles for the development of the interests of both the Germans and the occupation forces:

1. Supreme authority to be taken over by German State organs.
2. The attitude of the occupation forces towards Germany to be settled within the limits considered necessary by occupation functions.
3. Any restriction to normal living conditions of the German people, and the development of democracy.

GERMAN CONSULATES

Under the heading of "International Affairs," the resolution said it hoped the Statute would allow Germany to have her own consulates abroad, and that any regulations restricting economic and trade relations with foreign countries should be lifted.

The resolution asked for German participations in international conferences and agreements.

A statement dealing with occupation costs, bone of contention between the Allies and the Germans, said these should be fixed to spare the German population unnecessary hardships.

The Committee of the Constitutional Assembly for Western Germany rejected today a proposal that the future government for Western Germany should be called "The German Reich," and voted to retain the name "Federal Republic of Germany."

It agreed to accept the preamble of the new Constitution which it has been preparing since September 1. The preamble asserts the determination of the West German people to maintain the unity of the nation.—Reuter.

Jewish Troops Launch Attack

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 10.—Egyptian troops have launched a heavy attack, supported by tanks and other heavy armour, against Nerim, a Jewish settlement in the southwest corner of the Negev desert, a Jewish military spokesman said in Tel-Aviv today.

No further details of the attack were available, the spokesman said. Nerim is about 21 miles southwest of Gaza, the seat of the Arab "Palestine Government." Heavy Jewish-Egyptian fighting has been reported in this area in the past few days.

Earlier today, the Jews claimed 100 Egyptians were killed and several tanks destroyed in a clash northwest of Nerim three days ago.—Reuter.



More Jap Warlords Want To Appeal

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Supreme Court was asked today to consider whether it had authority to review the convictions of four more Japanese warlords.

Mr. William Logan, Jr. of New York has asked the Tribunal to let the new appeals when it opens oral arguments next Thursday on the appeals filed previously by other convicted Japanese leaders. As in previous appeals, Mr. Logan argued that the International Tribunal which sentenced the Japanese had been created illegally.

The high court will not rule on the guilt or innocence of the Japanese as a result of next week's hearing. It merely will decide whether it has authority to review the actions of the International Tribunal. It agreed to go that far only after Justice Robert Jackson reversed his previous stand of non-participation in war crimes cases and broke the four to four court deadlock.

Two of the appeals were filed on behalf of Japanese war leaders condemned to hang with ex-Premier Hideki Tojo, who has refused to ask for clemency. One of those appealing today was Mamoru Shigemitsu, peg-legged old warlord who hobnobbed with the surrender document in 1945. He was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

The other new appeals were for General Heitaro Kimura, Manchurian commander, and Lt. General Akira Muto, leader in the Philippines—both of whom were sentenced to be hanged—and General Yoshijiro Umezu, former Army Chief of Staff, who is under a life term.—United Press.

DOMINICAN DIPLOMAT GAOLED

Athens, Dec. 10.—Cesare Rubirosa, aged 41, Dominican Charge D'Affaires in Switzerland, was fined \$200,000 and given a six months' gaol sentence without right of appeal in Athens on Friday for having attempted to smuggle out of Greece more than \$100,000 in foreign currency.

His woman companion, Yvonne Neury, 25-year-old Swiss, described by Rubirosa as his secretary and "future wife," was fined \$70,000 and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

They were arrested here on Wednesday.

The money seized in the smuggling attempt, was confiscated by the Greek Government, bringing the total involved to \$370,000. Rubirosa denied the prosecution charges that he "traded" with unidentified persons in Athens, describing them as "phantoms."

Referring to an admitted 15 or 16 trips to Greece this year, Rubirosa said he made frequent journeys to Egypt on special missions for his Government and those necessitated passing through Greece.

Letters and notes found in Rubirosa's baggage listing scores of transactions and sums of money were produced by the prosecution. Rubirosa said they were given him in Geneva for delivery in Egypt.—Associated Press.

CHANNEL GALE

London, Dec. 10.—Fifty ships were sheltering today from a 60-miles an hour southwesterly gale in Channel ports along Britain's southern coastline from Southampton to Lands End.

They included large cargo vessels outward bound. The Bricham, Devonshire, fishing fleet which has been held up for almost a week, was again unable to put to sea.

Four men aboard the Shambles lightship off Portland, due for relief today, remained marooned in a waste of angry seas.

Areas in the West Country were inundated after days of heavy rain and in Cornwall main roads were flooded and trees blown down in gales.—Reuter.

VETERAN DEAD

London, Dec. 10.—The death was announced today of Sir Timothy Carver O'Brien, former England and Middlesex cricketer. Sir Timothy, who was 87, twice played for England against Australia and toured the Commonwealth in 1887 with G. F. Vernon's team. He also went to South Africa with Lord Hawke in the winter of 1890.

A splendid batsman, he played for Middlesex from 1884 to 1893.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL AND HK'S DEFENCE

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr. Churchill then read: "Let me tell you what General Eisenhower has meant to us. In him we have had a man who has sought the unity of the Allied Armies above all nationalistic thoughts."

ILLUMINATING CHARACTER

"In his headquarters unity and strategy were the only reigning spirits." Unity reached such a point that British and American troops could be mixed in the line of battle and large masses could be transferred from one Command to another without the slightest difficulty.

The telegram continued: "At no time has the principle of alliance between our peoples been carried and maintained at so high a pitch. In the name of the British Empire and Commonwealth, I express to you our admiration of the firm, far-sighted and illuminating character and qualities of General of the Army Eisenhower."

The House cheered as Mr. Churchill replaced the text on the dispatch box.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons that it would be a psychological blunder "to support the entry of Franco Spain into the United Nations at the present time."

After an interruption, Mr. Mayhew continued: "We know about the importance that a democratic Spain could have to the project of Western Union."

He said: "Those who want to join the club must obey the rules of the club."

"There must be a moral and political basis for Western Union and in that moral and political union, Franco Spain cannot have a part."

From Greece, "there is a lack of political courage and a lack of firm leadership," he declared.

The British Government was not in favour of the suggestion "that the United Nations should send a Mediation Commission to Greece."

"COMPLETE MISSTATEMENT"

On Palestine, Mr. Mayhew said Britain had come closer to the United States. The Government had no intention of permanently ostracising the Jews, but they were unable at this time to state that they were prepared to recognise the State of Israel.

They could not decide on the question of recognition before the current General Assembly or the observance of non-observance of the Security Council's decision.

Mr. Mayhew described the charge that the Government were holding up direct negotiations between the two sides in Palestine as "a complete misstatement of our position."

He acknowledged the Arab refugee problem as the most urgent and desperate of all the refugee problems.

"During the debate, Mr. Phillips Price (Labour) declared that with the best intentions in the world, the United States had failed to realise the need for reforms in China."

EIGHT GRINNING FACES

(Continued from Page 4)

supported by British-ordered Gurkha and some Malayan units—a total of 6,000.

BUT one certainty is that continued Communist victories in China will increase bandit morale and local recruiting. The Chinese war is already keeping too many of Malaya's 2,000,000 Chinese silent on the fence and paying bandits protection money, rather than relying on the Government forces.

That is why, politically, there is no time to be lost on this jungle war.

With the Guards now swinging into full action and doubling our strength, we too must fight our "swift-ending battle."

And the urgent target is—eight more red crosses splashed across those grinning, 10,000-dollar faces pictured at the London Victory Parade.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Second Cousin. 2. November 30. 3. Laura Z. Hobson. 4. (a) Nickname of General Kenji, Dohara, Japanese war criminal sentenced to be hanged. (b) Pres. Truman, private plane. 5. A chess of wines, usually called "claret" in English. 6. Examine it carefully: a "blatant" horse has had its teeth filed and made to look younger. 7. December 15. 8. They are all furs.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle:
Across: 1. Hanson cab; 8. Evening; 10. Ream; 12. Sweet; 13. Eered; 14. Bode; 15. Tattlers; 17. Train; 20. Colling; 21. Anpe; 23. Pollu; 24. Log; 25. Asses.

Down: 1. Heretical; 2. Average; 3. Near thing; 4. Os; 5. Mow; 6. Aged; 7. Beteigeux; 9. Neo; 11. Mettle; 14. Beans; 16. Rig; 18. Rips; 19. Nil; 22. No.

Solution to Skeleton Crossword on Page 13:

ACROSS: 1. HANSON; 2. CAB; 3. EVENING; 4. REAM; 5. SWEET; 6. EERED; 7. BODE; 8. TATTTLERS; 9. TRAIN; 10. COLLING; 11. ANPE; 12. POLLU; 13. LOG; 14. ASSES.

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SPORTS NEWS:

LTA Announces Plan For British Youth

London, Dec. 10.—A new scheme for the encouragement and training of young lawn tennis players was announced by Lord Templewood in his presidential address at the annual general meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association in London.

Viscount Templewood, who was re-elected, said that they had made a plan in co-operation with the Ministry of Education and the Central Council for Physical Recreation, for training a large number of coaches to teach tennis to boys and girls.

He hoped that the result of this joint effort would be to produce a large number of good teachers of tennis, who would eventually cover the schools of the country and help to raise the general standard of British tennis.

"We hope and believe that we can find a wealth of untapped talent among the boys and girls of these schools," Lord Templewood said.

The scheme has been devised on a geographical basis, England and Wales being divided into six regions, with a centre in each region where juniors can be given trials. Regional training committees have been formed to supervise the training of the young players. It is hoped that existing players, who will be invited to assemble at appropriate centres during the Easter holidays, or in any case before the end of May.

Later, they will be tried out in three age sections, under 15, 15 and under 18, and over 18.

The Training Committee would make selections from the most promising young players, together with those who had been outstanding in the various junior championships, for special training.

An amendment to the amateur status rule was also passed at the meeting. This amendment prohibits a player from gaining pecuniary advantage by using certain equipment. This means that if a player accepts tennis rackets free, or at reduced charges because of his position in the tennis world, he is liable to be suspended.—Reuter.

WEEK-END SPORT

TODAY

Cricket—First Division League: Optimists v. KCC at Chatter Road; Army v. RAF at Sookunpo; IRC v. University at Sookunpo; Crimington v. Seaplions at Happy Valley; Royal Navy v. Recreio at King's Park.

Second Division League: Recreio v. Royal Navy at King's Park; Friendly: KCC v. IRC at Cox's Path.

Football—First Division League: RAF v. KMB at Sookunpo; Chinese AA v. South China "A" at Boundary Street; South China "B" v. St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill; Kitcher v. Army at Causeway Bay. (Kick-off at 4 p.m.)

Second Division League: Club v. KMB at Sookunpo; Police v. Chinese AA at Boundary Street; South China v. Navy at Caroline Hill; Dockyard v. St. Joseph's at Causeway Bay; Army (Kowloon) v. Kitcher at Chatham Road; PCA v. Tramways at St. Joseph's. (Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.); Solicitors v. University at St. Joseph's. (Kick-off at 4 p.m.)

Lawn Bowls—All-England Shield Match: Kowloon v. Hongkong, at Kowloon Bowling Green Club; 2.15 p.m.

Rugby—Quadrangular Tournament: Royal Navy v. RAF and Police, 3.15 p.m.; Club v. Army, 4.15 p.m., at Happy Valley.

TOMORROW

Cricket—Second Division League: Army v. RAF at Sookunpo; Inter-District: Dodwell's v. Butterfield & Swire at Chatter Road (11 a.m.).

Football—Governor's Cup Match: Hongkong Football Association v. Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation at Boundary Street. (Kick-off 3.30 p.m.)

Second Division: War Department Chinese v. Talkoo at Sookunpo. (Kick-off at 4 p.m.)

Hockey—Association: Fixtures: Police v. RAF at RNRG Ground, King's Park, 10 a.m.; Civil Service v. Cable & Wireless at YMCA Ground, King's Park, 10 a.m.; Dutch HC v. Army at Sookunpo, 10 a.m.; Dockyard HC v. Khalsa at RNRG Ground, King's Park, 10 a.m.; Recreio v. YMCA at Recreio Ground, 10 a.m.

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